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PREFACE.

THE Glasgow Stirlingshire and Sons of the Rock Society was constituted for several purposes, one of them being the investigation and publication of matter illustrative of local history. The Society, however, has hitherto done no work of this kind, but the recent issue by the Town Council of their volume of Charters,[1] has afforded it an opportunity of supplementing that publication by a volume containing selections from the earlier records of the Burgh. That there might be no diversion of funds from charitable purposes, a special subscription list was organized, and other requisite arrangements made, by SIR MICHAEL CONNAL and MR. J. GUTHRIE SMITH, for having the work proceeded with, and the present volume is thus published without cost or risk to the Society.

When the Charters were published it was not known that the Council Records, with the exception of a few detatched portions in loose leaves, had been preserved of a date anterior to 1597. Happily, however, MR. GALBRAITH, Town-Clerk, who has readily undertaken much trouble in looking out and supplying such books and papers as were required and could be found, was able to produce no fewer than four complete records of an earlier date. The first of these, which commences in 1519, has been deprived of its cover and a few leaves, and throughout the volumes portions are occasionally indecipherable on account of mutilation or the action of damp, but as a general rule they are in excellent preservation and perfectly legible.

Gratifying as the possession of these four volumes is, it is not altogether hopeless to expect that more of the rich series which was in existence in 1552[2] may yet be secured. If the six missing volumes, embracing the periods

[1] "Charters and other Documents relating to the Burgh of Stirling, A.D. 1124-1705." Printed for the Provost, Magistrates, and Council, of Stirling, 1884.

[2] See list of "commoun bukis" delivered up by the clerk on 5th July, 1552; p. 60.

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1444-1519 and 1537-44, have not been destroyed (and looking to the anxious care which the Town Council seems always to have manifested for the proper preservation of their records,[1] there is reason to suppose that the books have only been mislaid), they are probably in as good condition and as legible as the other two volumes from which they have parted company. Such of the books as are now known to exist are properly arranged on the shelves of the Record Room; but, till every receptacle in the town's archives is systematically searched, and all books and papers there, embracing the accumulations of at least four centuries, are examined, the ultimate recovery of the lost records need not be despaired of. The four volumes just alluded to had previously escaped observation, simply on account of their having been misplaced or incorrectly labelled.

With the limited space at command, and having in view the desirability of covering as extended a period as possible, the selections could not be made to exhaust everything of interest and local significance contained in the originals. Many of the extracts are rather suggestive of further research, not only in the Council Registers themselves, but also elsewhere.[2] Subject, however, to such necessary curtailment, an attempt has been made to allow nothing of special importance to be passed without some notice, and what is given will, at least, serve as a key to anything else in the record bearing on the subject. Subsequent to the year 1666, when this volume closes, the records are continuous, and appear to be well worth the consideration of those who study the history of Stirling.

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[1] See pp. 15, 60, 153-5, 188, 190-3.

[2] The acts of the Scottish Parliament, the Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs, which are printed down to the year 1738, the publications of state records and documents issued from the General Register House, and other well-known works, are now easily accessible to the public, and will not be neglected by investigators of local history. A knowledge of ancient penmanship is required of those consulting the original records, but it may be mentioned that the Town-Clerk has in his custody two volumes of modern transcripts, 1597-1615, made by his depute, the late Mr. R. M. Walker.

A few fragments of old protocol books, which were also recently discovered, have been examined, and abstracts of some of the contents bearing principally on family history, are given in Appendix No. I. In Nos. IV., V., and VI., the tabulated form has been adopted as the most convenient way of giving a mass of statistical information in regard to the town's revenues, and the prices of provisions and produce.

As in the publications of the Burgh Records Society, the abbreviations, which abound in ancient writings, have been avoided, and all words printed in full; and, still further to facilitate the perusal of the book, the letter "u" has been substituted for "v," "i" for "j," and *vice versa*, in cases where the change is required in pronunciation. Thus the written word "vse" is printed "use," "giue" is printed "give," "Maiestie" is printed "Majestie," and "thaj" "thai." The final letter in such words as "burght," "furtht," &c., has also been usually omitted. But, apart from such deviations, the original spelling, which, it will be observed, especially in the earlier extracts, is extremely variable, has been carefully adhered to. Parts of the record indecipherable, and omissions, have been supplied by words placed within square brackets, a form of distinction also adopted where, for the sake of brevity, the substance, and not the *ipsissima verba*, of the original is given.

Even those moderately well acquainted with modern Scottish phraseology will occasionally be puzzled by the occurrence in the book of words now obsolete, or disguised in antique orthography. With the view of meeting such difficulties a glossary, containing short interpretations of the more unusual expressions, has been appended.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS

OF

THE ROYAL BURGH OF STIRLING.

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5 *December* 1519.

Curia burgi de Striveling, tentta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos eiusdem. Curia burgi.

Ane Gilbart M'Lellan hais byddin, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, vij s. for ane pece of land contenand xxxij paice of lyncht and the breid as it was sene be the balyeis of befoir, and the said vij s. to be pait as ws of uder anualis ar pait within the said burgh. M'Lellan, pece of land.

16 *January* 1519-20.

Quhiet was funding saild for xviij s. the boll; malt was funding for xx s. the boll. Quhit, malt.

The provest, ballies, counssal and communite, hais granttit thar common seill to Sir Johen Patoun, cheplan, to be appendit and to hungin to ane proces of ane land liand in the Mary Wynd the quhilk pertenit to wmquhill Males Williamsoun. Domino Johanne Patonsoun, cheplan.

The dekin of the talyouris gave in ane suplicacion to the provest and balyeis desyrand to have sic prevelagis as thar craft hais in uder bowrowis for the agmentacion to be doune be tham and causit to be doune in haly kirk; and the saidis provest and ballies commandit tham to get the prevalegis granttit to thar said craft in Sanct Jonis toune and tha sauld awis with the counssale, and thaireftir as tha thocht maist expedient to gif tham ansour. Pro sissoribus. Talyouris.

Watter of Forcht.

The watter of Forcht was set to Alexander Murra for this instant yeir for xv merkis, to be pait as ws and wount. Plegis for the payment hus hand and gudis.

Syen [swine].

It was fundin be the inquist that na persoun nor persounis within the said burgh sall haild ony syen wtwith bald or housses, under the pane of tilsall of the syen and viij s. of unlaw.

20 *January* 1519-20.

Buchane, nebour. Dic, burges.

The commoun seill was granttit to be appendit to ane testimoniall that Thomas Buchane was nebour. Wille Dic enterit to the fredoum of burgesry, under the aicht aucht and wount, and sall pay xiiij s.; plegis, George Johensoun.

Burges and gild.

Robert the Brus of Archt was interit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild be rasoun of hus fader, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li. walx, and the wyne. Plegis Robert the Brus of Carnok.

24 *January* 1519-20.

Gair prisit.

Allexander Murra, James Merschal, Johen Monucht, and William Monucht, prisit this gair, syoern, wnderwrittin:—Ane blak goune linit with blak skennis, to vj merkis; v ellin of tanny, v Franch crounnis; ane doublat of gray sathing, xx s.; ij pair of hois of skerllat, xl s.; ane blankat, vj s. viij d.

13 *February* 1519-20.

Pro fratribus gilde.

Gilbert M'Lellan protestit in the nyme and behaw of the bredir of the gild that na man enter to the fredoum of the gild bot he that sall pay v li., the walx and the wyne, excep tham that enteris be airschip that is payit of befoir.

Johen Bully, parocht clarkschip, knok.

Johen Bully present, in presance of the provest and ballies, ane instrument of Sir Allexander Fresall hand, the quhilk proportit and bour in the selfe the donacioun and gift of the parocht clarkschip and the keipin of the knok for all the dais of hus lyeftyme, as he allegit.

Burges and gild.

The provest and ballies hais assignit Frida that nixt cummis to Waltir Grame to enter him to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, on this condicioun, that he sall fynd souerte for hus finis and be oblist and syoern that he sall nocht [exercise any] punt pertenyng the fredoum of the gild on to [the tyme]

that he pay v li., the walx and the wyne, to the gud toune, eftir the forme and tenor of the act maid thar apon be the provest, balyeis, counsale and communite, the quhilk is new ratifeit yeirly. Burges and gild.

26 *February* 1519-20.

James Gryme, soune and air to wmquhill Malcum Gryme, comperit in the said fenssit court, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, and thar he chesit Mergret cuntas of Cassillis to be hus curatour and maid facht that he was nocht compellit, sedoussit nor coacit thar to, and maid facht that he sould nevir cum in the contrar befoir na juge nor jugis speretual na temperal. Gryme; domina de Cassillis.

It was statut and ordinit that na houkstar sall by ony manir of fycht na uder stoufe to tap agane apon nebouris quhill eftir xj houris, under the pane of eschetin of the stoufe that is coft. Communite, fycht [fish].

12 *March* 1519-20.

The provest and ballies, counssal and communite, hais granttit to thar nebouris the craftismen of the smythis this privelage, that is to say, that ilke persoun or persounis that bringis ony stufe pertenyng to thair craft to sell within this said burgh sall pay a penny on the mercat day for help of Goddis service to be doune in the said parocht kirk, in honor of God, the blissit Virgin, Sanct Loye, and all sanctis. Smythis.

16 *April* 1520.

Curia capitali burgi de Striveling, tentta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos eiusdem. Curia capitali burgi.

Quhite was fundin saild for xvij s. the boll. Quhiet.

Johen Akman was fundin lipir. Lipir.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communite, that na houkstar, nor uder persoun douelland within this said burgh, by ony fysch or caponis quhill xij houris at noune to tap agane apon thar nebouris, under the pane of viij s. to the Rud wark, onforgifin. Pro communite. Fysch or caponis

And eliekwis it is statut and ordinit that na houkstar, nor uder persoun doulland within this burgh, by ony corn or hay or foder that cummis to this gud toun to sell to tap agane on to the hour of tuelfe at noune; and the said efter stufe that cummis to sell efter noun on to sex houris at ewyne, under the pane foirsaid. Corn, hay or foder.

Meill, malt, etc.

It is statut and ordinit that na meill, malt, baier nor quhit, that cummis to the marcat of this said burgh, be saild quhill xij houris at noune, under the pane of viij s.

Forfeiture of house for annual.

Johen Williamsoun passit, at the command of the saidis provest and balyeis, to the tolbouit wyndo, and proclemit opynly gife thair was ony persoun or personis that had ony enteris to ane hous with the pertinentis pertenyng to wmquhill Johen Aysoun, liand betuex the land of James Langis on the norcht part and the land of wmquhill Thom of Cragingelt on the soucht part, to cum within xl dais and pay the said chaplan [Sir John Aysoun] the by runnyn annalis with the expensis and tha sall haue full ingres to the said hois with the pertinentis, and faling heirof tha will cais heritable seissing to be giffin to the said Sir Johen Aysoun to be bruikit and josit be him and hus successouris *inperpetuum.*

16 *July* 1520.

Price, aiell.

It is statut and ordinit be the balyeis na persoun nor personis sell aiell derrar nor xvj d. the gallon, under the pane of vij s. to the Rud wark onforgifin.

Contract of mareage.

It was appoyntit and contractit betuix honorable personis, Thomas Besat of the Quarell on the ta part and George Crechtoun on the tothir parte, in this maner folowand, that is to say that Alexander Besat sal complete mareage with Jonet Crechtoun, dochter to the said George; for the quhilk mareage the said George sall content and pay to the said Alexander the soum of achtscore of merkis, and the said Thomas sall tharfor infefft the said Alexander and Jonet in coniunct fefftment in the souchhalf of the landis of the Bissat land, togidder with al and hale his landis of xxx akaris efter the tenour of thar appoyntment and contractis thareupone. [Robert Brus of Erch, Robert Brus of Auchinbowy, and William Mouch, burgesses, bind themselves for payment of the eight score merks; and George Crechtoun, provost, and Robert Brus of Auchinbowy, bind themselves to relieve Mouch of his obligation.]

3 *September* 1520.

Stag, ravenues of the fair.

The stag and the ravenues of the fair was set to Duncan Smart for xv merkis iij s. iiij d. to be pait on the morne eftir the Rud day. Plegis for the payment, Johen Wallace.

It is ordinet be the provest, ballies, and counssale, than present, that Johen Bully sall mak service in the queaier at Mes, Mathemes and Ewinsang, with surples on him, as he did in wmquhill James of Mentecht tyme and efter the forme and statutis of the syenye. Pro communite, service in queir.

1 *October* 1520.

Curia capitali burgi de Striveling, tentta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos ejusdem. Curia capitali.

Inquisicio.

David Crag,	Johen of Cragingelt,	George Thomsoun,
William Striveling,	Johen Offeris,	Johen Cousland,
George Symsoun,	Nycol Duncansoun,	Thomas Watsoun,
Gilbart M'Lellan,	Allexander Stiensoun,	Patrick Portar,
William Cosour,	Nycoll Cristesoun,	Symon Broun.

Allexander Forester was chosin provest for this instant yeir, under the aicht aucht and wont. Provest.

Johen Ackyne, Ritschart Naerne, and Allexander Crag, was chosin balyeis for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount. Ballies.

Quhit was fundin saild for xiij s. iiij d.; malt was fundin saild for xiij s. iiij d. Quhit, malt.

Jenne Murra was fundin ane commoun rasettar of pykry. Fargus M'Cummy wyfe was fundin a pykar. Wille M'Lellan allies Parqueir and hus wyfe was fundin common pycaris. Pycaris and rasettaris.

Marion Cant was fundin a common flyttar. Besse Crawfourd was fundin siclyk. Flyttaris.

It was fundin that Johen Blair had ane scabit hors. Scab.

Johen Akman and Ritsche Criste [and] Johen in Courntoun, war delatit of lipyr. Lipir.

Thom Smyth, James Lam, and Thom Morisoun, war chosin seriandis quhill tha be dischargit, under the aicht aucht and wount. Seriandis.

Johen Broun was chosin dene of the gild for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount. Deyen of the gild.

David Crag was chosin thesaurar for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount. Thesaurar.

Master of wark.

Robert Arnot was chosin master of wark for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount.

Statutis ratifeit.

The ackis and statutis for the commoun weill of gud tovne, maid of befoir, war newly ratifeit.

5 *November* 1520.

The tolbouit.

The tua bouis that Johen Bully had in assedacion of this gud toune was set to the said Johen for ane yeir for twa merkis. Plegis for the payment hus hand and hus gudis. [Booth also set to Jhon Morisoun for 13 s. 4 d.; one to Johen Moffet for 13 s. 4 d., and one to Will Davison for 16 s.]

Blair, complant, hous.

Johen Blair gave hus complant to the provest and baillies beseikand tham to caus ane offisar to pas to ane hous that he had in assedacion of Esabell Erskyn to avis and se gife it was ane sufficient hous to doull in or not.

Burgh mail, etc.

Duncan Smart hais byddin for the brugis maile, girs maill and stallance, xij merkis vj s. viij d.

Gait syeppyn.

Gilbert Johensoun hais biddin for the gait syeppyn xvij merkis vj s. viij d.

Hevin siluer.

The said Gilbart hais biddin for the hevin siluer xiiij s.

Johensoun, chaellis.

Gilbart Johensoun hais deliverit ane croune of worcht of xviij s. to the provest and ballies for the spons that was left be wmquhill Sir James Darow to the makin of ane chaellis to the Rud loft, and thair the saidis provest and balyeis hes dischargit the said Gilbart in all tyme to cum of the said spoune.

Rud alter.

Make.

Sir Johen Patonsoun, cheplan of Rud alter within the Rud loft, hais maid Johen Make factour and inbringar of all anualis pertenyn to him be rasoune of the said altar for this instant yeir.

9 *November* 1520.

The small custummis.

The small custummis was set to William Cossour, Johen Williamsoun and Patrick Duncan, for xlviij merkis, to be payit as ws and wount.

The kingis maill, girs maill, etc.

The kingis maill, girsmaile and stallangis, was set to Johen Allan and Patrick Portar for xiij merkis, to be pait betuix this day and Youll day that nixt cummis.

The gait syeppyn.

The gait syeppyn was set to Robert Arnot for xviij merkis, to be payit at thir termes, Candilmes, Beltan, Lammes and Allhallomes.

The havyn siluer was set to Gilbart Johensoun for xvj s., to be payit at Witsounday and Mertimes. Hevin siluer.

James Patonsoun enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, under the aicht aucht and wount, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., the walx and the wyne; and hais promisit to cum and doull within the said burgh within yeir and day and faling tharof to be denudit of hus fredoum. Burges and gild.

12 *November* 1520.

The wattir of Forcht was set to Allexander Murra and Johen Offeris for xvj merkis and vj s. viij d., and to pay as ws and wount. Aqua de Forth.

It is appounttit betuex Sir James Crag and Jenot Balrocht on the ta part, Agnes Lang and Ritschart Naern on the touder part, tuechin the brekin of the brig orschat and takin away the frut and brekin of the young treis and the bararis, [that they shall abide by the deliverance of persons named by them]. Pro Crag and Balrocht [orchard].

26 *November* 1520.

Johen the schirra was in amerciament for the ragrathing of the Kingis burgis in byin of mertis, mutton, talk and skennis, in the sherefdoume cumand to the mercat. Amerciament.

It was fundin be the provest and balyeis, counssal and communite, beand present for the tyme, that wmquhill William Moffot, spous to Marion Patonsoun, was nebour within this gud toune, and tharfor it was ordinit that the said Marion ma wirk and ws her occupacioun and pay na stallangis sa lang as scho keippis hyr fra the makin of a band with ane unfre man. Mariota Patonsoun.

The provest and ballies hais granttit to enter Robe Patonsoun to the fredoume of the gild gife his fader be in the gild roullis or ony of hus gudschiris. Patonsoun, gild.

14 *January* 1520-1.

Freir Wynsant Litstar, prior of the Freris Predicatoris of the said burgh, protestit na proces leid na to be leid of ony land pertenyng to thair place, or awin tham ony anualis, sould hourt tham na thair place, bot that [thai] mycht have full ingres to tham in all tymis to cum. Pro fratribus.

The said prior maid, constitut and ordinit, Duncan Patonsoun, Ritschart Procuratores pro fratribus.

Procuratores pro fratribus.

Naerne and Archibald Dausoun, hus lauchfull procuratoris for him and hus convent in all actionis consernyng tham that pertenis to thair place.

17 *January* 1520-1.

Bully, keipin of knok.

Johen Bully protestit that the provest, ballies nor counssal of this said burgh, sould nocht be displesit at him quhowbeit he callit tham and perseuit tham befoir ane uder juge for the wrangus haldin of hus fee for the keipin of the knok, as he allegit, na that it sould nocht hourt him na hus fredoum be na waye. The saidis provest, ballies and counssal, beand present for the tyme, requirit the said Johen Bully to schaw ane attenttice document of the gift of the keipin of thar knok and quhat he sould have tharfor and he sould be ansourt.

Pro communite.

Duncano Patonsoun, abbay.

Duncan Patonsoun produsit and schew ane attentict document, of wmquhill Sir James Darow hand writ, of the dait of fyfty yeris or mair, the quhilk maid mentioun that hus land and tenement the quhilk he ocupiis this foirsaid day aucht bot viij d. of anuale to the abbay of Cambusschennocht.

George Esok.

Comperit in the said fenssit court dene George Esok, subprior of Cambusschennocht, and dene Johen Arnot, sakar of the said place, and thar requirit the said Duncan Patonsoun to pay tham ane stane of talk or of xvj d., eftir the forme and tenor of thar chartour, becais thar chartour was befoir hus avidence xxx yeris or mair, as tha allegit, and gifin undir the commoun seill of the said burgh.

Pro communite, service in kirk.

Sir Thomas Coling denyit to mak service in the parocht kirk of the said burgh eftir the tenor and forme of hus awin hand writ, the quhilk was produsit and schawin to him in the said fenssit court in presens the haill communite beand present for the tyme.

28 *February* 1520-1.

Household geir.

George Thomsoun grantit that he had vj poder plattis, vj dissches, iij sawsaris, ij trenscheris contenand xxv li., price of the li. xviij d., j quart, j choppyn, j chandelar, twa pottis, the cost of a pot xx d., j pair of schettis, j bed, j buffat stoull, j pair of boullis, j brodclayth, j touall, j small standand compter; the quhilk gair pertenit to the barnis of wmquhill Duncan Lyntoun and deliverit to him be Johen of Cragingelt and Thom Smytht.

8 *April* 1521.

Johen Sym, soune to Andro Sym, was in amerciament for the not keipin of hus condicion to James Merschall tuechin the fraichtingis of hus boit out of the port of Striveling callit Blyis Hoill to the havin of Leicht, becais it was previt sufficiently befoir the said inquist that the saidis James fraichit the said boit to the said havin siclik as Duncan Patonsoune, nebour of the said burgh, did of befoir now at hus last waagh, and the said James to pay na mair fracht this ladin na the said Duncan did of befoir to the said Johen. Amerciament, fraicht of boit.

The saidis balyeis comandit and chargit George Symsoun, nebour of the said burgh, to bring ane pot to tham on Friday nixt to cum, the quhilk is the xij day of the said monecht, the quhilk pot was recoverit be David Scumervaill of the Plane apon wmquhill Duncan, as the ackis rasit tharupone proportis, and falin that he bring nocht the said pot the said day that tha will pas to hus hous and tak als gud a pot be thair estimacion and deliver to the creditour on to the tyme that tha get thar awin, becais the said pot aucht bot sex s., the quhilk was deliverit in the balyeis handis in this present court. Levinston, ane pot.

It was fundin be the inquist na man nor woman douelland within the said burgh hald ony syene without band, under the pane of slain of the syene, quhasumevir aucht thame, and tha to have na radres na payment of the persoun that slais tham. Syene.

It is fundin be the inquist that ilke nebour keip nebourhed in the begin of thar yaird dikis to uderis, and quha that falis to pay the unlaw of viij s. to the Rud wark, and the ballies to constrene and compel thame to big the sammyn. Pro ortis.

12 *April* 1521.

Charllis Kanydi requirit the saidis ballies to mak devisioun and part the guddis and gair pertenyng to wmquhill Malcum Gryme and to deliver Jenot Gryme, douchter to wmquhill the said Malcum, hir porcion and part of the sammyn, the quhilkis the saidis baillies refusit and said tha wald nocht intromet with nane of that gair becais it was testit. Gryme, geir.

21 *April* 1521.

It was statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communite, beand present for the tyme, that na houkstar by ony salmound na yit na fycht to tap agane apon nebouris on to xij houris at ewine. Pro communite, salmound.

6 *May* 1521.

Pro Roberto Spettale.

James of Schaw of Salky, knycht, grauttit, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, that he ranunsit and gaife our all rycht or titill of rycht that he had, hais or mycht have in ony tyme to cum, to ane land and tenement pertenyn to wmquhill Thomas Young, liand within the said burgh, betuex the land and tenement of wmquhill Robart Duncan on the est part and the land of wmquhill Sir James Darow on the wast part and the Kingis hiegait on the norcht part and the gait callit the Bakraw on the soucht part, to Robert Spettale, servand to the Quenis grace, excep allanerly the payment of x s. of anuale be yeir; and the said James oblist him fachtfully nevir to cum in the contrar befoir na juge na jugis, speretuall nor temporall, in ony tyme to cum, under the pane of maensyeiring, defamacion and inhabilite.

Dauid Crag; viccar and parrocht clerk.

David Crag, thesaurar of the said burgh for the tyme, requirit at the provest, ballies, counsall and communite, beand present for the tyme, gife tha thocht expedient to sustene the pleis of thar rychtis tuechin the soumondis maid apon thame be master William Hammiltoun, viccar of the said burgh, and Johen Bully, parocht clerk, anent four akeris of land of the Boroumannis Medow of the commoun of the said burgh clemit be the said viccar to pertein to him and hus successouris, and anent a sertane mony clemit be the said Johen to be uptane yeirlie of the commoun gudis for the keip of the knok as he allegis, the quhilk is dependand the law befoir the offisiall of Loudean; and the said provest, ballies and counssal, beand than present, beand avisit, all in [ane] woce concludit that tha wald sustene the plee and defend the said acciounis becaus tha undirstand that thar acciounis perseuit be the saidis viccar and klark war on juste and that tha had na just titill to the saidis akeris nor mony.

20 *July* 1521.

Amerciamentis.

Jame Moffat, tailyour, was in amerciament of bloud and trublance of Sande Duncan, tailyour; plegis for the unlaw *(blank)* Moffat, pigmakar. The said Sande Duncan was in amerciament for the trublance committit and doune apone Jame Moffat; plegis his hand and gudis. Sande Duncan was in amerciament for the desobaissance of James Lam, seriand.

Lam.

Johen Bully, in presens of the saidis ballies, in a fenssit court, said that he sould mak Jame Lam onable to bruk ane office.

Duncan Smart and Johen Allan, talyour, war lawborgh that Jame Moffet sould be harmles and skaitles of Thome Allan, talyour. Lawborgh.

29 *July* 1521.

Curia burgi de Strivelyng, tenta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum, Alexandrum Forester, et ballivos. Curia burgi.

Duncanus Patersoun, Robertus Arnot, Adam Mukcart, Johannes Crawfurd, David Greg, David Bankis, Johannes Forestar, Willelmus Cossour, Johannes Cowane, Jacobus Marschell, Walterus Grahame, Willelmus Dawsoun, Willelmus Robysoun, Johannes Mychell, Alexander Murray, Johannes Allane, Willelmus Halden. Nomina assisie.

Andro Borell of Logy wes in ane amerchyment of this court for the wrangwis withthalding of ane pair of blak clokis fra Robert Tenent, thaggar, and his wif, borrowit fra tham, and is ordand to restoir the samyn be ane assis to the saidis Robert and his spous. Jonet Clerk, vmquhill servand to Robert Tenent, grantit in jugisment that scho ressavit ane pair of blak clokis fra Andro Borell and his wif and laid tham in apon Roben Tenentis langsadill end within his hous, and wes chargeit to reman in the tolbutht for the samyn. Robert Tenent, Andro Borell.

9 *August* 1521.

Johen Bully, of his awin fre motife will, in presance of the saidis provest and ballies in the said fenssit court, hais ranunssit frely and gifin our the keipin of the knok of the Rud Kirk and nevir to clem ony richt to the sammyn, and the guid toun to disspon apon the sammyn as tha think maist expedient. Pro communite, knok.

10 *August* 1521.

Allexander Murray, burges in the burgh of Striveling, of hus awin fre will, has bundin and oblist him, hus airis, executouris and assignais, to content and pay to Mergret Schaw, the relict of wmquhill George of Crichetoun of Breder toune, tuenti four bollis of meill gud and sufficient stoufe and markat wair, to be pait to the said Mergret or hir factouris yeirly betuex the feist of the Nativete of our Lord and the feist of the purificatioun of our Lady; and the halding of ten ky, and to pay tharfor kane cheis extending to fyfti stane, and of the said l stane to be fyfe stane to the tynd; and gife the said Mergret falis in the deliverin of the ky samekle cheis to be defakit, and the said ky to Agreement, Murray, Schaw, ky.

Agreement, Murray, Schaw, ky.

be prisit and to be deliverit to hir als guid at the wsscha of the termis of thre yeris.

30 *September* 1521.

Protestatio pro fratribus.

Freir Wynssent, litstar, prior of the Freris Predicatoris of this said burgh, protestit solemmtly, in presens of the saidis ballies and in the vesiagh of the haill court, that na proces leid nor to be leid within the said burgh sould hourt tham na thair place of thar anualis awin thame bot that tha mycht have ramaid of law.

Protestatio, feft chaplanis.

Sir James Akman, chaplane, collector and balye to the feft chaplanis of the parocht kirk of the said burgh, protestit solemply that na proces leid nor to be leid sould hourt the saidis feft chaplanis of thar obit silver nor anualis in tyme cumin bot that tha mycht have rameid of law.

Patonsoun, balyie, fee.

Duncan Patonsoun allegit, in presens of the saidis ballies, that he wanttit hus fee the last tyme he was balye and protestit that he sould nocht bruk na office on to the tyme that he war pait of hus said fee.

Pro communite.

The saidis provest and balyeis passit to the mercat cros of the said burgh and causit to proclame that na broustar within the said burgh sell ony aiell derrar na xij d. the galloune, undir the pane of the frist falt viij s. unforgifin, the nixt falt xvj s., the third falt the dingin fourcht of the calderun bodim, brekin of the breuin loumes and expellin of the persoun or persouns committeris and brekaris of this statut breuin for ane yeir.

The new counsall.

The aild provest and ballies:—Allexander Forester, Johen Ackyn, Ritschart Narne, Allexander Crag; Schir Walter Forester, Robart the Brus, Allexander Drummound, Robert Calentar, James Reducht.

The new provest and ballies:—Schir Duncan Forester, Walter Grame, Robart Arnot, Allexander Watsoun; Allexander Levinstoun, Robart Ferny, James Spettal, William Dausoun, Johen Bully, Henry Abhircrummy, Allexander Murra.

Dekinnis.

Thir are the nyemis of the dekinnis:—Thom Smytht, Johen Allexander, Thom Mitschal, Allexander Robisoun, Johen Allane, Allexander Benne, Patric Litiljohen and Thom Foullar.

4 *October* 1521.

The dene of gild.

Duncan Patonsoun was chosin dene of the gild for this instant yeir.

Thesaurar.

David Crag was chosin thesawrar for this instant yeir.

Robart Arnot, ane of the ballies of the burgh of Striveling, passit to the hous and lugin of James Tennand and causit a certane gair pertenyn to wmquhill Johen Elphinstoun to be prisit be famus men and causit to be syoern to pris liellely and treuly this gair that eftir folowis; and thir ar the nyemis of the saidis prisaris,—William Cosour, Johen Williamsoun, Johen Allan and Allexander Smyth:— Gair prisit.

Item, in the first, ane hors prisit to xxvj s.; item, ane sadill, bridill and hors hous, vj. s.; item, ane syourd, buklar and syourd belt, vj s.; item, ane pair of buttis and ane pair of schoun, ij s. vj d.; item, ane gaubart of russat xx s.; item, ane hogtoune of rayit clayth, xviij d.; item, ane clouk iiij s.; item, ane jak, viij s.; item, twa pair of hois, 5 s.; item, ane dowblat, iij s.; item, ane gray bonat, ane nicht courchre and hus sark, gifin to the woman that keipit him; item, awin be Hammiltoun to the said wmquhill Johen, 5 s.

14 *October* 1521.

Sir James Akman, cheplane, and balye and collectour to the feft chaplanis of the parocht kirk of the said burgh, produsit and shew ane attentic chartour and seissin of twa markis of obit silver to be upliftit and tane to the feft chaplanis yeirly for sufferagh to be doun for the saullis of wmquhill Allexander lord Elphinstoun and Sir Johen Elphinstoun, his fader, of ane land and tenement liand in the Bakraw. Pro capellanis.

3 *February* 1521-2.

Thom Smyth, dekin of the smychis, was in amerciament for the wrangus fundin of ane borgh apon George Smyth, allegand that the said George was awin xxij s. iiij d. for thair prestis met and ane wkly penny, the quhilk was fundin be the assis that the said George aucht na mair to the said craft bot in sa fer as he occupiit within the fredoum of the said burgh. Amerciament, smythis.

14 *February* 1521-2.

James Lang, burges within the said burgh, and Males Lang, hus oye and aire, hais granttit thame to have analeit and saild ane anuale rent of ix s. to be tane and upliftit be the brother and fraternite of the Halybloud or thar factouris yeirly [and another annual of 6 s.;] the quhilk mony that was gottin for the saidis sex shilling of anual ane pairt tharof was gifin to Thom Pro le Halybloud.

Pro le Haly-bloud.

Fowlar to lyeir the said Males the skennar craft as ane prentes aucht to be lyerit.

Pro Thoma Foullar, skennar, prentes.

Males Lang is bunden prentes to Thom Fowlar, skennar, for the spece of four yeiris; the said Thomas hais promittit to lieir the said Males and do hus delegens to lieir him the said craft eftir hus pouar, and to do to him in meit, drynk and beddin, as a maister aucht to do hus prentes. And atour it is condicionit gif the said Males passis fra the said Thomas hus master within the saidis termes of iiij yeiris in hus defalt, without ocasion of the said Thomas, and byidis and absentis him fra him fourti dais, the said Thomas sall nocht rasaife him agane to hus prenteschip nor lieir him the said craft in tyme thaireftir. And gife the said Males ramanis with hus said master to the wsscha of hus foirsaid termes he oblisis him to mak service for ane yeir to the said Thomas, for meit and fee, befoir ony uderis.

17 *February* 1521-2.

The hammirmen.

The baillies hais assignit this day xv days to the dekin and craftismen of the hammirmen to prefe gife scheit makaris scottis and lottis with thar craft in uder borouis, that is to say in Edinburgh, Dunde, Glasgow, Sanctjohentoun, or in Abirdene.

Tennand, lair.

It was assignit to the balyeis this day xv dais to James Tennand to prefe that the lair that George Symsoun erddit hus wyfe in was hus lair and granttit to him be the dyen of gild that was for the tyme and that hus barnis and wyfe was erddit in the said lair and that he had maid cost for the payment of it with stanis.

3 *March* 1521-2.

Mentecht.

The bayleis hais assignit this day xv dais to Wille Gillaspy to bring the lard of Kars acquittance of all fermes and malis that he has deliverit to the said lard, or to ony of hus factouris, of the landis of the Justinflet pertenyn to Patric Mentecht, the quhilk he hais in assedacion of this gud toun, sen the feild of Floudoune, the quhilkis sall be weill allouit to the said William.

[Feild of Floudoune].

Pro Watsoun, hammirmen.

Thom Watsoun allegit that he aucht nocht apon rasoun to scot nor lot the craftismen of the hammirmen becaus he occupies na warklomis that pertenis to thair said craft nor samekle as a hammir.

17 *March* 1521-2.

Johen Hendersoun hais promisit to gife four schilling yeirly, at twa termes Whitsownday and Mertimes be evinly porciounis, to the dekin of the maltmen that beis for the tyme to the vphald of dyvyne seruice to be doun at the altar of Sanct Mathow fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh. Maltmen, Hendersoun.

28 *April* 1522.

It was fundin be the inquist that ony flechour that slais ony falty flecht within burgh, or brekis ony fawin flecht to tap amangis nebouris, that he sall be expellit fra flecht slain within burgh for ane yeir, and ane vnlaw wnforgifin. Fleshers.

It is ordinit that the dekin of the flescheris that beis for the tyme cum to the offisaris that beis the said tyme and schaw tham ony of the said craft that byis ony fawin flecht or ony falty flecht to tap apon nebouris, and falin heirof that he sall pay xl s. to the kirk wark.

Item, that na flescheir hald na servand bot he that he will risspond and ansour for him.

Item, that na martis, syen nor muttoun, be slane on the hegait be na fleschour na thair servandis bot in the Bakraw and in bouis, under the pane of the unlaw als aft as tha falt.

5 *May* 1522.

The saidis ballies, counsall and communite, beand present for the tyme, hais granttit that the dekinis and craftismen of the said burgh sall have ane kee of the lok of the commoun kist in keipin quhar all the avidentis of this gud toune and the commoun seill ar in keipin. Pro decanis, commoun kist.

All the dekinis of craftismen of the said burgh for this said instant yeir, all in a voce, protestit solemply that thar sould nocht be na takis of the common land of the said burgh set in ony tyme to cum langar takis na fife yeiris eftir that the viij yeris takis be runin, the quhilkis ar granttit this said day to the tenentis that occupyis the said comoun landis for ane gratitud doune be tham in the payin of ane takist of four schor of pundis and xiij li. or thar by of thair foir malis of the comoun land of the Borowmuir and the Soucht akeris that tha have in assedacion of the provest, ballies, counssal and communite of the said burgh. Commoun land.

17 *June* 1522.

Pro domino Roberto Broun, wobstaris.

In presens of the provest and balyeis, Allexander Benne, dekin of the wobstaris, and hus haill craft, with consent and assent of all the dekinis and craftismen of the said burgh, the quhilk nyemis of the saidis dekinis folowis: in the first, Patric Lausoun, Thom Smyth, Johen Allexander, Johen Allan, Thom Mitschal, Andro Lokart and Allexander Robisoun, hais condusit and feit Sir Robart Broun, chaplan, curat for the tyme, for dyvin seruice to be doune at the altar of Sanc Luck, situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, that is to say the said Sir Robart sall, God willin, say twa messis in the wouke at the altar befoir Sanc Severine, patrone to the saidis craftismen of wobstaris, for the quhilkis the saidis dekin and craftismen of wobstaris that happynis to be for the tyme sall thankfully content and paye to the said Sir Robart xxvj s. viij d. in the yeir, be evinly porcionis at twa usit termis Witsounday and Mertimes in wynter.

30 *June* 1522.

Pro M'Lellan, schlander.

William M'Lellane protestit that it sould nocht hourt hus fredoume quhobeit he soummound Marion Cant befoir the official, considering he complenit to the balyeis and tha wald nocht sit on sic materis becaus the mater was iniurius langagh and schlander.

6 *October* 1522.

Amerciamentis, land burges.

All the land burges war unlauit for thair absence fra the heid court, excepand Nycol Cristesoun and Ritsche Cristesoun.

Lang and Ewinsoun, debaittis submittit.

Agnes Lang and Walter Ewinsoun, hir soune, submittit tham syorne to abid, stand and underly, the sentance and deliverance of master Dave Abircrummy, subden of our Soverane Lordis chapell riall, Sir James Wilsoun, persoun of Glendovane, Malcum Drummound of Kilbrid, Walter Grame and James, of all accionis and debaittis betuix tham and specialy anent the landis of the Glen and the gudis and gair of airschip pertenyng to the said Walter.

10 *October* 1522.

Lard of Keir, boit.

Allexander Patonsoun promisit to bring the lard of Keiris boit wp the watter and deliver hir quhar scho lay and to do the sammyn within xv dais.

27 *October* 1522.

It is statut and ordinit that candill be saild [na] derrar na iiij d. ob. the li. and that tha be four penny candill in the pund and ane halfpenny candill and ix halfpenny candill in the li., and that tha be gud and sufficient stoufe, under the pane of the unlaw escheiting of the candill. Candill.

It is statut and ordinit that all flecht that cumis to this mercat to sell be prisit be ane balye and ane certan of fleschouris and uderis nebouris that sall be chargit be ane balye, and that na mauschit na spoulyeit to cum to this said mercat to sell under the pane of escheting of the said flecht. Flecht [flesh.]

It is statut and ordinit that na fleschor within this burgh sla na caus to be slane ony flecht bot on the Baksyid or in thar bouis, undir the pane of viij s. the frist falt, xx d. the nixt falt, and tynssall of the flecht the thrid falt.

It is statut and ordinit that na persoun nor personis woucht ony maner of clais at the toune bouirn within the Barrasyet or aboun, for fyling of the bourn, undir the pain of viij s. vnforgevin and brekin of the weschal that tha wous with. [Washing clothes.]

17 *November* 1522.

Jame Males put him in will for the haldin of ane kow and ane sowe that war commoun dik brekaris. In voluntate, kow and sowe.

19 *December* 1522.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communite, beand present for the tyme, that na nebour doulland within the said burgh tak ane cobill of the watter of Forcht bot at the ballies maid be tham, under the pane of tinssal of hus fredoum. Water of Forcht, cobillis.

23 *February* 1522-3.

The provest, ballies, counsall and communite, beand present for the tyme, hais granttit to suple and suport Sir Robart Cristisoun, chaplan of Sanc James Chapel, master of thar grammer scholl, in the plei in defens of the said chapel and the rychtis tharof. Grammer scholl.

16 *March* 1522-3.

It was fundin be the assis that Johen Cousland sall deliver to Arche Duncansoun ane certan gudis pertenyn to him in airschip be the dissase of Airschip gudis.

Airschip gudis.

wmquhill Johen Duncansoun, hus fader, that is to say, ane bed, ane chandlar, ane reid coverin, ane pouder dicht, ane yetlyn, ane gangand quheil, ane tyne pynt, ane mask fat, ane stand and ane gyeil fat, gife the said Johen hais nocht deliverit the saidis gudis to the said Arche and prefe the deliverance of the samin.

27 *April* 1523.

Queir of kirk.

All the nebouris beand present for the tyme war content and granttit that David Crag, thesaurar, and Robart Arnot, master of the kirkwark, sould deliver to Marthing, servand to Ewin Allasoun, the soume of xl pundis in part of payment of ane mair soume for temyr to the queir of the kirk of the said burgh.

6 *July* 1523.

Amerciament, sellin of ane sowe.

It was fundin be the assis that Wille Forsyicht falit in hus condicion to Gilbart Patonsoun tuechin the sellin of ane sowe to the said Gilbart, that condicionit that scho was with gryissis the tyme of the sellin of hir, and scho was not.

15 *February* 1523-4.

Amerciamentis.

Jenne Murra and Johen Murra war ilk ane of tham in amerciament for trubling of thair nebouris, undir silence of the nycht, throw thair flything and haldin of thair nebouris walkand all the nycht.

Pro communite, nebourheid.

It is statut and ordinit that ilke nebour big hus dikis and keip nebourheid to uderis, and quha that falis and douis in the contrar quhat sckait that ony nebour takin in hus yaird, in defalt of keipin of nebourheid, in sa far as he ma prefe the skait, the nebour nocht keipand him nebourheid sall recompance him at the syicht of nebouris in sa far as he is skait.

4 *April* 1524.

Burgess and gild.

Sir Dave Cristisoun, chaplane, enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild be rasoun of wmquhill Nycol Cristesoun, hus fader, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li. walx and the wyne.

St. Laurance altar.

The saidis provest, ballies, counssal and communite, hais granttit to affixit thair commoun seile to ane new chartour to be transumptit and maid of all anualis pertenyn to Sanc Laurance altar fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, and the said charter to be put in the common kist, and the said Sir William to have copy of all the saidis anualis, and the

saidis provest and ballies sall caus him to be ansorit and obayit of the sammyn as law will. St. Laurance altar.

18 *April* 1524.

The provest, ballies, counsall and communite, hais grantit and lyessance to the Gra freris of the said burgh ane pece of thair common land lyand at the soucht part of thair yaird equali gangand doune the bred of thair yaird to the Rud croft. Gra freris.

2 *May* 1524.

Johen Allan, talyour, was in amerciament for the occupyin of the furruris in furring of ane goune with new stoufe, and it is ordinit and commandit be the provest and ballies, that na talyour within the said burgh occupy the said furrur craft, wndir the pane of xl s. to the Rud wark als aft as tha falt. Amerciament, furrur craft.

7 *May* 1524.

The provest [and] ballies, with consent and assent of the hail bredir of the Haly bloud, hais granttit to content and pay Sir Johen Lambart, chaplane of thair said altar, xxv merkis yeirly, gud and wsual mony of the realme, for hus gud and thankfull service doune and to be doune at thair said altar of the Halybloud, with all uder service, that is to say Ladymes, Hiemes, Hevinsang and Mathingis, and how and quhen the tyme occurris. Haly bloud alter.

The provest, ballies, counssal and communite, all with ane consent and assent, na discrepance, hais granttit and gevin the service of the Rud alter in the Rud loft, fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, to ane discret man, Sir Johen Spottiswoud, chaplane, for hus gud and thankfull service to be doune at the said alter, with all and syndry anualis, croftis, landis, oblacionis, and generall all and syndry acsedant pertenyn to the said alter; and als the saidis provest, ballies, counssal and communite, hais granttit ane yeirly pencion of vj merkis to the said Sir Johen, and gife the said Sir Johen makis gud and thankfull service, efter the forme and tenor of hus donacion gifin to him under the common seill of the said burgh, the saidis provest, ballies, counssal and communite, sall conseder at the yeris end and eke hus pencioun efter thair consiance and discression eftir hus gud service makin. Pro Spottiswod, Rud alter.

5 *September* 1524.

Wille Aysoun hais tane the stagis and the ravenues of the fair for xvij Stagis, fair.

Stagis, fair.

merkis and x s. [And] the said provest and ballies hais promisit to deliver and draw the best stagis that cumin in the stond to Wille Aysoun and warrand him the sam that na man sall have challance or cleme of rycht to him, bot to be brukit be the said William, and he to disspon on him as he thinkis maist expedient.

23 *October* 1524.

Den of the gild.

Thir ar the thingis that ar granttit be the provest and ballies to Duncan Patonsoun, dene of the gild for the tyme:—

Item, in the frist, the provest and ballies sall tak hus afald part and defend him in ony maner of thing belangand hus office in the exarcision or execussion of hus office, bayth with tham selfe and thair servandis, quhenevir he chargis tham or ony ane tharto.

Elyekwis, gif the said Duncan makis expens within the kirk or queir in ony necessar or nyeidfull thingis or reformacion of Goddis service, for the honor of God and the weill of the toune, that tha sall mak the said expens tharof and caus the samyn to be thankfully payt to him quhen he gifis the sammyn in writ to tham, or ony wder expens he makis out with for the weill of the toune and the gildbrethir.

And, elyekwys, that nowder provest nor ballies liessent nor gife lyefe to na chaplane, beand within the kirk that tha ar patronis to, to pas na harandis bot gife he have lyefe of the said Duncan, and gife hus harandis be gret and nyeidfull to be doun to ramane at the maist bot viij dais fra his service.

Item, it is granttit that the said Duncan sall nocht intromet with the fillin of the lamppis na lychtin of the candillis.

31 *October* 1524.

Amerciament.

Jame Murra was in amerciament for the wrangus blasflemyn, trubbeling and houcterin of Robe Salter.

Amerciament.

Johen Johensoun was in amerciament for the wrangus castin of ane muttoun buke of Johen Lamis undir hus feit on the cassay and fylin of it.

21 *November* 1524.

Pro Scot, gryndstane.

Johen Ackyne, balye, is souerte that Fyndelo Donaldsoun sall deliver ane gud and sufficient gryndstane of four fut, and thre fyngir breid, to Rob Scot.

Previs, ane syord [sword.]

Thir ar the previs of the awnyng of ane syourd . . . Rob Merschal, frist witnes, of xl yeris of aige, or tharby, syorne, deponit that weill he wis

and sekirly knew that the syourd thair present, clemit be Johen Benne, was the said Johen awin syourd and coft be him fra (*blank*) Gray, and that he had wanttit the syourd cum xv dais befoir Youll ane yeir . . . Previs, ane syord [sword.]

21 *January* 1524-5.

David Greg was maid [quit] be ane assise of the slachter of ane syene that he slow to Marion Broun becaus syene war fundin unlachfull gudis. Syene.

3 *March* 1524-5.

The provest, ballies, counssale and communite, beand present for the tyme, hais granttit the altar of Sanc Ninianes altar and the service tharof to Sir Thomas Jarva, he makand service at the samyn eftir the forme of hus condicion undir hus awin subscripcioun of hus hand. Sanc Ninianes altar.

The provest, ballies, counssale and communite, beand present for the tyme, nane discrepance, all in ane woce, haif granttit the nixt wakand alteragh that wakis within thar parocht kirk of the said burgh to Robart Ferny, soune to Robart Ferny, burges of the said burgh, he beand habill tharto, and gife Sanc Ninianis altar be wakand the said altar to be gife him the service of the sammyn, and falin tharof to gife him the service of ane wder als gud als soune as it wakis, he beand abill tharfor as said, and to mak service eftir the tenor and forme of the ac maid of befoir. [Next vacant altarage.]

31 *March* 1525.

Wille Fidlar, allies Ednom, was in amerciament for the wrangus trublance of Sir James Crag, chaplane, be hus violent and impertinat langagh without falt maid to him be the said Sir James or ony wderis in hus behaw, tharfor it is statut and ordinit be the saidis provest and ballies that the said Wille sall nocht falt to the said Sir James in ony tyme to cum, and gife he dowis in the contrar that he sall pay xl s. to the Rud wark on forgifin. Amerciament, trublance of a chaplain.

12 *April* 1525.

The bowrow court of Striveling haldin and affirmit be the provest and balyeis of the sammyn; comperit befoir tham Robart Spettal, factor and actor for Cristane Ra, servitrice to the Quenis grace and hienes, on the ta part, and Sir Allexander Buchan, chaplan, for himselfe and all wderis haveand entres, Bigin of new hous and gavill.

Bigin of new hous and gavill.

and submittit tham fauchfully, be the wphaldin of thair rycht handis, the deliverance of thir personis eftir folowand, that is to say, Duncan Patonsoun, dene of the gild, Robert Arnot, Johen Ackyn, Ritschart Narne, ballies, Alexander Watsoun [and six others,] tuechin the bigin of ane new hous and gawill be the said Cristan Ra and hir said factor to the gawill of the land of the said Sir Allexander Buchane, in the Castal Wynd; the quhilkis personis beand syoern, mowvit of court, ryiply avisit, incom agane in jugment, and deliverit all in a woce that the said Cristan Ra and hir factor sall tousk, bowale and ragall, the gawill of the saidis Cristan new hous to the gavill of the said Sir Allexander hous, and the said Cristan and Robart in hir neme till have all the haile stoufe and stanes of the said Sir Allexander part of his aild gavill, and the saidis Cristan and Robart hir factour to big thar said gawill as tha pleis and as tha think maist expedient, and the said Sir Allexander and hus airis and successouris to be excludit in tyme to cum fra ony flittin or makin of ony asiamenttis of the said gavill tharthrow becaus the said Sir Allexander makis na expens nor cost of the bigin of the haill gawill.

24 *April* 1525.

Curia justiciarie burgi. Horssteilling.

Ritschart Broun was convictit and filit for the thyftuis steilling of twa maris out of the landis of Corntoun, and thareftir that the doume was gifin on him to be hangit quhill he war deid, he granttit, of his awin fre will, that he staw ane mair fra Robe Lam and ane blak hors out of the Cobiltoun.

Act aganes kaikbaxteris.

The provest, ballies, counsall and communite, hais statut and ordinit that thair be na kaik bakstaris within the fredoum of the said burgh fundand selland ony kaikes bot samony as sall be chosin be tham, the quhilkis sall be bot vj in nowmyr; and ordinis that James Lam, Johen Youle and Dave Ritsche, offisaris, pas and warne all kaik bakstaris doulland within the fredoum of the said burgh to dissist and scise fra the said occupacion, and to warne tham all to the nixt court that tha ma be sex chosin for the said occupacioun and all the laife dischargit.

8 *May* 1525.

[Proclamation, forfeiture of a tenement.]

James Lam, seriand, passit at the command of the said balyie to the tolbouit wyndo and proclamit opynly gife thair was ony persoun or persones that had ony entres till ane land and tenement pertenyn to wmquhill Johen

Stewart, liand within the fredoum of the said burgh betuex the land of wmquhill Johen Aysoun, on the est part, and the land of William Cosour, on the wast part, to cum within xl dais and pay the runnyn anwalis to Sir James Murra, chaplane, with the expens, and falin tharof thar will be heritable stait, seissin and possessioun, gife to the said Sir James, to be brukit and josit be him and hus successouris *imperpetuum.* [Proclamation, forfeiture of a tenement.]

11 *May* 1525.

The service of Sanc Ninianes altar fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh was gifin to Sir Thomas Duncansoun, with all anualis, landis, oblacionis and all wder doweteis, he makand service tharfor eftir the forme and tenor of the ackis maid of befoir. Sanc Ninianes altar.

3 *July* 1525.

It is ordinit be the saidis provest and ballies that na craftisman of the talyour craft occupy na ws ony punt pertenyn to the fredoum of the gild, under the panes that ocuris to tyne apon law. Taylour craft.

Allexander Duncan protestit, in the name and behaw of the haill craftismen of the talyouris, that quhat war doun in this present court tuechin thar privelagis sould nocht hourt tham na tourne tham to preiudice bot that tha mycht have remeid of law befoir ony juge or jugis competante quhen and quhar it efferit.

2 *October* 1525.

Robart Arnot hais offerit ane signet of gould to Johen Allan, in the neme and behaw of Walter Cousland, he payand the mony that the said signet is awin to the said Walter. Pro Arnot, signet of gould.

It was fundin be the inquist that thar sall nocht be na pencioun gifin to na chaplane in agmentacioun to ane alteragh for ane yeir. Chaplanis.

6 *October* 1525.

The provest, bailyeis and counssal, haif assignit Monunday that nixt cummis to the haile counssal to convene in the lujene of Sir Duncan Forester of Garden, knycht, to avies on the gift of the altar of Sanc Katerin fundit and situat within thar parocht kirk, and ordinis that the hail counssal be warnit to convene in the said lujene betuix ane and twa houris eftir noune. Altar of Sanc Katerin.

16 *October* 1525.

Curia justiciare.

Curia justiciare burgi de Striveling, tentta in pretorio dicti burgi per Allexander Forester, vicecomitatum dicti burgi.

Assisa.

Sir Walter Forester of the Torwod, knycht, Allexander Levinstoun of Dunypece, Patric Buchquhanan of Lany, Thomas Semervaile of the Plane, James Spetal of Blairlogy, David Crag, Walter Ewinsoun, Allexander Crag, Johen Watsoun, James Lawder, James Tennand, Johen Wallace, Allexander Murra, Duncan Darow and Duncan Bow.

Mentetht [to be beheaded].

Robart Mentecht was convicit be the said assis and doume gifin on him to be had to the Heiddin Hill and the hed to be strakin fra the body, and the said doume was gevin be Wille Forsycht, dempstar for the tyme.

21 *October* 1525.

Curia justiciarie.

Curia justiciarie burgi de Striveling, tentta in pretorio dicti burgi per Allexander Forester, justiciarium dicti burgi.

Assisa.

George of Dowglas of Bonkul, Walter Scot of Buchklouk, Patric Buchquannan of Lany, Sir Walter Forester of the Torword, knycht, Allexander Drummound of Armoir, James Spettal of Blairlogy, Johen of Mentecht, William Cunyngham, David Kynkaid, Walter Grame, Johen Ackyn, Allexander Levinstoun, Johen the Brus and Walter Ewinsoun.

Murra, Muirheid, [to be hanged].

It was fundin be the said assis that Robe Murra and Jame Mur had thiftusly stouin ane gryne clok, ij syourds, ane sertane of sarkis, courcheis and colaris, vij pair of schoun, ane pair of hois, ane buklar; that tharfor the saidis Robart and James sould be tane to the Galhous and hangit quhill tha war deid; and doum was gifin tharupon be the moucht of Wille Forsyicht, dempstar for the tyme.

23 *October* 1525.

Curia burgi.

Curia burgi de Striveling, tentta in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos eiusdem.

Stabelaris, aittis, hay.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies and counssal, that na stabelar within this said burgh sell ony aittis derrar na v d. the pec of the best aittis, and that nane of tham by aittis in the mercat quhill strangeris and the toune be servit; and that secundar aittis be saild for iiij d. the pec, and smallar aittis be saild na derrar na iij d. the pec, and tha that ar nocht wourcht iij d. to be saild bettir chaip. The stane of haye, iiij d.

Alssya, it is statut and ordinit that na houkstar by aittis within this burgh to tap bot gife scho hais ane stabil and hors meit to furnes, and falin heirintill the aittis to be chettit. Houkstaris, aittis.

3 *November* 1525.

Thir ar the nemis of the kaikbakstaris to be admittit and ordinit to bak kakis, and that tha be sufficient stoufe and hald the woucht, and quhen the pec of meil is coft for vj d. that the penny kake be ane pund woucht, and sya afferand the woucht of the kake as the meil is saild:—Agnes Thomsoun, Agnes Beltmakar, or ane of hir douchteris, Marion Wod, Cristan Akman, Mergret Kirk, Jenne Symun, Mergret Drummound and Johen Hutching wyfe. Kaik-bakstaris.

21 *November* 1525.

It was previt sufficiently be Robyne Ewin and Johen Ewin, and the gret aicht syorne, that Johen Talyour passit our the Watter of Fourcht at the Borowman medow with the nowmyr of v^{xx} of syene or tharby. Syene.

29 *January* 1525-6.

Allexander Crag is souerte that Edward Rowane sall bring the sow clemit be Andro Legat to be hus propir gud on Monunday the xij day of Fabruar nixt to cum, and to enter the said syen in presens of the saidis provest and ballies. Sow clemit.

8 *February* 1525-6.

James Pattoun, first witnes, syoerne, deponit that be the aicht that he maid, safer as he wnderstoud, that the sow clemit be Andro Legat, thair present, was Dave Bellis sow and now Edward Rouanis and saild be him to wmquhill the said Dave Bell, quhowbeit that hir lug was cuttit, and on cuttit the tyme that he saild hir to the said Dave. Sow in court.

5 *March* 1525-6.

It is ordinit be the provest and ballies that na persoun within burgh tak mair for the brekin of ane salmound bot ane penny, wnder the pane of debering of the persoun that dois in the contrar fra brekin of fycht for yeir and day at the will of the saidis offisaris. Salmound.

Allexander Smytht hais grantit to deliver to Rob Willesoun ane silver belt and ane ring betuex this day and Peax nixt to cum, and falin tharof to deliver the waill of the samyn. Belt and ring.

9 *April* 1526.

Robesoun, accusit of slakter.

Johen Robesoun, fleschour, was accusit, in presens of the saidis provest and bailyeis, for the slaktir of Sande Patonsoun, allegand that the said Johen strak the said Allexander, thro the quhilk strakis the said Allexander deit; the said Johen denyit that evir he strak him na did him hourt or harme and tuk him to God and ane gud assis; the assis ramovand and passand fourcht ryiply avisit and be examacion of witnes in com agane, and deliverit all in a voce that the said Johen innocent of the deid of the said Allexander becaus it was sufficiently previt befoir tham be famus witnes that the said Johen did him nowder hourt na harme the tyme that it was allegit that he strak him.

13 *April* 1526.

Impertinat langagh.

Thomas M'Calpy was fundin be the said assise that he faltit to the bailye, Ritschart Narne, be impertinat langagh, and it was ordaned be the said assise that Allexander Forester, provest, Walter Grame and Allexander Watsoun, ballies, sould modife amendis be thar discretioun to the said Ritschart, balye, be thar discrecioun. Thomas M'Calpy hais offerit him rady to mak ane emendis to Ritschart Narne at the ordinance of the provest and the towder twa bailyeis as tha command him. Thome M'Calpy allegit that the provest and the bailyeis set and pynist for impertinat langagh and wald nocht gife him rameid nor amendis of impertinat langagh.

Brekin statutis anent aiel.

It was fundin be the foirsaid assis that Marion Nortoun and Marion Brus war ilkane of tham in amerciament for the brekin of the statutis of the said burgh in sellin of xvj d. aiel contrar the statutis; and it is ordinit that quhat tyme quhow soune ony of the saidis personis brekis the statutis in tyme to cum that the balyeis sall tak of the faltour xl s. or ellis ding out the fat bodim and deil the brewin at the cors.

23 *April* 1526.

Dekin of baxsters; breid.

Duncan Darow was fundin in ane falt becaus the gud toune wanttit bred, and he to be punist tharfor or ellis fynd ane faltour.

28 *May* 1526.

Treis cuttit.

Micschal Donaldsoun, taylour, granttit, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, that he cuttit partis of treis in Duncan Forsycht yaird extending to ix pece of bulisteris, chereis and ploumis.

16 *July* 1526.

Quheit was fundit saild samekle as the bakstaris of the said burgh couft in Leicht at this last waiaigh for xv s. the boll, and all wder quhit that tha coft for xvj s. the boll. Malt was fundin for xvj s. the boll. Quheit, malt.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communite, that na indoullar within the fredoum of the said burgh sla ony flecht to sell bot ane freman. Alssya na nyeiris na nyeircres be tane out of the scheip, nowder to burgh nor land, that cummis to sell or saild within the said burgh, quhill Michalmes, under the pane of viij s. unforgifin. Alssya, that na muttoun that ar saild within the said burgh be blawin, under the pane of viij s. unforgifin, nowder with punt of knyefe na uderwais. Flesh.

Item, that na houkstar by ony fecht to tap apon nebouris on to xj howris, under the pane of viij s. Item, that na houkstar ocupy na ws na byin na tappyn of fycht bot on the mercat day, undir the pane of viij s. Item, that na houkstar occupy the mercat in sellin of fycht bot to remane at thair awin dourris excep the mercat day, undir the pane of viij s. Item, that ragratouris na couparis pas to the watter of Forch to by ony fycht unto the tyme it [is] presentit the mercat, under the pane of viij s. Fycht.

30 *July* 1526.

Allexander Crag hais tane apon him to prefe sufficiently that Thom M'Calpy promisit xx s. to the maltmen and to thair alter of Sanc Mathow, and to prefe the sam this day xv dais. Maltmen, alter.

27 *August* 1526.

Johen Thom, allies Cristisoun, soune to wmquhill William Thom, allies Cristison, enterit to the said William fredoume, undir the aicht aucht and wount, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li. walx and the wyne. Plegis Sir Dave Cristisoun, stewart to the Queenis grace. And gife it happynit that the said Johen eldast broder beis levand and cummis in Scotland and desyris to entir to his faderis fredoume, the said Johen sall renunce and gife our the said fredoume and the occupacioun of the sammyn for the entres of his said broder. Burges and gild.

The alter of Sanc Michal, the haly arkangel, was granttit and gevin to Sir Archibald Watsoun, soune to Allexander Watsoun. Alter of Sanc Michal.

1 *October* 1526.

Houkstaris. It was statut that na houkstar nor wder persoun sould pas to the toune end, na till ony wder partis of the toune, to by butter, egis, foullis, na uder stoufe cumand to the said burgh to sell, and quha that did in the contrar it sould be lesum to ony nebour that could apprehend ony of tha ragratouris to tak the stoufe fra the saidis ragratouris, and to be the takaris ascheat.

Calfe skennis. It was statut and ordinit that na merchand sall by ony calfe skennis under the pane of the wnlaw.

15 *October* 1526.

Baxteris. The saidis provest and ballies hais granttit to Wille Dic, dekin of the bakstaris, that he sall have ane offisar rady to pas with him to pund ony of the said craft that falis and keipis nocht the command of the said dekin tuechin the kipin of vj s. wourcht of bred on the marcat day eftir noune for furnessing of the nebouris in samony personis as he commandis and chargis to keip the sammyn.

Wille Dik, dekin of the bakstaris, hais promisit to the provest and ballies to caus the saidis craftismen to mak the twa penny laife xx unce gud and sufficient stoufe and weill bakin, and falin heirof to schaw the faltouris to the saidis provest and ballies that tha ma punys the said faltouris.

Maltmen. Micschal Stensoun, dekin to the maltmen, has promisit to the provest and ballies that na maltman within this burgh sall sell malt na derrar na xvj s. the boll, and atour that tha sall tak bot twa s. mair for the boll of malt na the bair is coft quhill Youll nixt to cum, and fra that furcht bot xij d. betuex bollis.

Candill. It is statut and ordinit that na candilmakar sell ony candill derrar na four penneis and ane halfe penny the pund, and the half penny candill and the penny candill efferand tharto, undir the pane of daillin of thair candill and ane wnlaw, onforgevin.

19 *November* 1526.

Act, craftis, bakstaris. It was grantit be the saidis provest, bailyeis, counssal and communite, that gif ony craftisman of the bakstaris doulland within the fredoume of the said burgh desobayit the dekin and wald nocht ansour and obay the said dekin and craft, that thar sould ane of the seriandis pas with the said dekin and craft and pund and distrene the persoun or persounis that disobayis, and

the wnlaw to be disponit on walx to be brynt befoir Sanc Howbart in honor of God and halykirk. Act, craftis, bakstaris.

Thomas Nortoun, soune and air to wmquhill Andro Nortoun, nebour of the said burgh, with consent of hus curatouris, protestit, in presens of the saidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and communite, beand present for the tyme, that the seissin gevin be him of ane anwalrent of xx s. be yeir to Marion Nortoun, hus fader sister, sould be on nane awail na tourne him to na preiudice becaus he was within youitheid and of mynor aige, and for wder diueris causis that he hais to schaw. Protest by a minor.

14 *January* 1526-7.

It was ordinit be the saidis provest and baillies that na baicht be tane out of the bakhows on to the tyme that ane of the baillies and the dekin weye the said baicht, and ilke bailye to keip the sammyn thar houk about. Bread.

28 *January* 1526-7.

The provest and baillies assignit Ritschart Narne, Robart Arnot and Allexander Watsoun, to mak compt and rakenyn of the stent silver of the caragh hors silver the tyme the Governour passit to the houst to Ingland, and to mak the said compt within xv dais. Pro communite, stent, Governour.

1 *March* 1526-7.

Robart Law enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, under the aicht aucht and wount, and sall pay v li. of mony, ij li. of walx and the wyne; plegis Anro Kar. And the said Robart hais granttit, gife thar happynis ony stenttis, to stent with the nebowris of the said burgh efferand to hus substance of hus gaier, and sall scot and lot with the saidis nebowris quhen ony siclik cummis. And als the provest, baillies, counssal and communite, beand present for the tyme, hais dispensit with the said Robart and liessant him to ramane and indoull without the said burgh or within, att hus plesour, he stentand with the saidis nebouris as said is. Burges and gild.

3 *June* 1527.

Robart Spettal allegit and offerit to prefe with the spous of wmquhill Gilbart Johensoun and Jenot, hus douchter, that [he] com to the said Gilbart, he beand liand on hus deid bed and said to him in this maner:—Gudman, it is said that ye murmur me, sayand that I have doune yow gret wrangis in the Pro Spittal, deid bed statement.

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bigin apon your ground; and that the said Gilbart ansorit and said:—I sa na thing tha of bot ye ar ane gud nebour.

15 *July* 1527.

Amerciament.

Johen Lam, youngar, was in amerciament for the wrangus byin of v scheip out of Johen of Yair hand eftir that the said Johen servand had coft tham and gevin ane plak of arlling.

Pro Yair, slander.

Johen of Yair gave to the aicht of Johen of Lam, eldir, in the said fenssit court, gife he callit him staik theife and commoun theife, and the said Johen Lam rafusit and wald nocht mak facht of the sammyn; and than the said Johen of Yair protestit that it sould nocht hourt him na hus fredoume to call the said Johen Lam befoir ane speretual juge or jugis.

23 *July* 1527.

Pro domino de Lany, stokis.

The lard of Lany enterit Robart Dowgal to the said provest and ballies in ane fenssit court and the said Robart was put in the stokis.

6 *October* 1527.

Pro communite, meil.

It was statut and ordinit be the provest, baillies, counssal and communite, that na persoun na personis, nowder to broucht na land, by ony meil in the mercat in gret to gife in for thar ferme or tend to ony gyrnnal on to the tyme that all nebowris and indoullaris within the said burgh be servit, undir the pane of asschetin of samekle as is coft and the profet tharof to be gevin to the Rud wark.

Mercat, meil.

It is statut and ordinit that ane offisar keip the mercat on the mercat day that na sek with meil be opynnit on to xj houris.

Item, that na persoun bringand meil to the mercat to selland hus meil, met na misour the said meil bot with the met loumis of the custumaris, bayth pece and fourllat.

Fleschouris.

Item, that na fleschour sall have bot four penneis for brekin of ane mairt and ij d. for ane young beist.

Item, that all flecht that cummis to the mercat to sell that is spoilycit or mauchit be prisit be ane pairt of fleschouris and wder nebowris indoullaris within the said burgh.

Salmond.

Item, that na persoun brekand fecht tak mair for the brekin of ane salmond bot j d.

It is statut and ordinit that na marchand that ocupiis stapell gudis by ony calfe skennis, kid skennis, na skalding skennis, under the pane of ane wnlaw onforgevin. Skennis.

And elyekwys, it is statut and ordinit that na skennar within the fredoum of the said burgh by ony woll skennis, wnder the pane of viij s. als oft as tha can be apprehendit.

Item, it is ordinit that na cordinaris that is na gild brother by ony hidis, that is to say sukin kow and drawin ox, to bark, or to dispon ony wder way, undir the pane of viij s. als oft as tha falt.

8 *November* 1527.

The provest, baillies and communite, hais grantit, gife thar be ony persoun within the fredoume of the said burgh that hais ony ma soumes na twa, that tha sall pay thar girs mail for samony ma as tha have na the saidis twa soumis to the persoun or persounis havand assedacioun of the guid toune of the samyn. Pro communite, soumes.

9 *December* 1527.

It was fundin be the inquist, nane discrepand, that wmquhill David Wilsoun was nocht the caus of hus awin deid and that he slew nocht him selfe, and that he was wesyit with siknes, and ane aild waik man, and passand to do his nedis and fell befoir hus awin dour and could nocht recower na help him selfe for waiknes, and thar haistely weseit with God. Pro Margareta Stevensoun.

3 *February* 1527-8.

Assisa: Robart Arnot, Gilbart M'Llellan, [and nineteen others]. Assisa.

Robe Patonsoun was convict be the foirsaid assis for the brekin of Agnes Langis bouit, and for the brekin of Allexander Watson bouit, and the brekin of William Wyeissis bouit, and the brekin of Thom Jarva bouit, and the brekin Thom M'Calpyis bouit, and the brekin of William Cossour sellar, and for the brekin of divers and syndry sellaris and baernis, and for the thiftuis steillin of diveris and syndry merchandice and wder stoufe, that is to say, blak clayth, quhit clayth, lynnyn clayth, holand clayth, hardin, sewin silk, pepper, saferin, bartane cammes, woull, yarne, walx, quhit bred, aiell, flour, bair, benis, salt salmond, salt byeif, and diveris and syndry uder gair; the quhilk he maid opyn confessioun of, opynly in the said fenssit court, in presens of the saidis Breaking of booths and stealing.

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provest, baillies, counssall and communite, beand present for the tyme; the quhilk the said Robart broucht the instrumentis and war present the tyme that he was forjuget, that is to say, ane coultyr of ane ploucht, ane kee of ane pyp lok, ane ke of ane throucht lok and thre croukit irnis. The said Robart grantit, in presens, that ane woman callit Esabell Gray, doulland in Lynlythqw, tuk fra him of Agnes Lang gair, the nycht efter that he brak the said Agnes bouit, thre ellis of holand clayth, viij ellis of hardin and ane bourd of ane belt, and that he tuk never penne na penny wourcht for the said gair fra the said Esabell; the quhilk he tuk on his sauil opynly befoir all man thair beand present; [that he sold four ells to "ane honest man callit Stene of Carinbe dowlland in Lowdeane" for 28 s.; and] that he saild all the remanent of the said Agnes gair that he staw owt of hir bouit opynly in Edinburgh on the mercat day, the quhilk he tuk on his sawill.

30 *March* 1528.

ProLyeisman, Queinis court.

James Watsoun is souerte that Andro Lyeisman sall have justice of William Gillaspy on the (*blank*) day of Aprile in the Queinis grace court of Strivelingshire to be haldin in the tolbouit of Striveling be hir bailye or factouris.

Pro Litstar.

It is ordinit and statut be the saidis provest and baillies that na bailye rasaife ane resignation of ony land or landis within the fredoum of the said burgh bot that Sir William Litstar be notar to the sammyn, gife he be in the said burgh or may be apprehendit.

27 *July* 1528.

Hors coft.

It was sufficiently provit be Johen of Schaw, bakstar, and Thomas Symontoun that Andro Legat coft ane hors fra Andro Davesoun for xxx s. and ane quart of aiell, without ony condicioun or restriccioun, and the said Andro Legat in amerciament efter the forme of the borgh.

7 *August* 1528.

Pro Symsoun, St. Lawrance alter.

Master Robart Galbracht, prolocutour for Sir William Symsoun, chaplane of Sanc Lawrens altar fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, producit and schew ane fundacioun of the said altar, makand mentioun quhar Sanc Lawrance Croft was gevin to the said altar and to the chaplane tharof for the tyme.

The provest and baillies commandit James Lam, seriand, to pas to twa rigis lyand on the norch est part of the croft of Sanc Lawrance callit Sanc James rigis, and arrest all the cornes now growand on tham to the instance of Sir William Symsoun, chaplane of Sanc Lawrance altar, becaus the said Sir William allegit that the saidis twa rigis pertenis to Sanc Lawrance altar, eftir the forme and tenor of hus fundacioun. St. Lawrance croft.

5 *October* 1528.

It was fundin be the said inquist that Sir Johen Hountter is lipyr and hais byne delatit in thre or four heid courtis of befoir, and that he sould be put to ane desert without the burgh, as lypir men hes wsit to be demanit in tymis bypast, for danger that ma incur eftirwart. Lipyr.

Sir James Lokart was delatit be the said inquist that he was lipyr. Lipyr.

It is ordinit be the said inquist that the baillies sall caus all metloumis, pyntis, quhartis and chopynnis, to cum to the tolbouit and met and misour the sammyn, and quhar tha ar faltius to refourme tham as efferis. The metloummis.

Item, it is statut and ordinit be the foirsaid inquist, and proclamit opynly at the mercat cors of the said burgh, that all martis young and aild, all muttoun and syen, sall be had to the Bakraw to be saild and nocht to ramane nor stand on the hee mercat gait, and that the offisaris caus the sam to be keipit. Martis, muttoun, syen.

Item, it is statut and ordinit that na flechour nor wderis tak mair nor iiij d. for the brekin of ane mart and twa d. for brekin of ane young best. Flechouris.

Item, it is opynly proclemit at the mercat cros that ony fleschour bring- and muttoun to the mercat to sell that he bring the heid with the sammyn, under the pane of asschetin of the muttoun. Muttoun.

19 *October* 1528.

The saidis baillies and counssal beand present for the tyme hais gevin the office of common clarkschip of the said burgh to Robyne Cunnyngham for hus gud and sufficient serves to be doune be him and as requiris to sic a burgh, and he to fynd sufficient causion for the sammyn. Common clark.

13 *November* 1528.

The provest, baillies, counssal and communite, beand for the tyme, hais grantit and gevin the commoun clarkschip of the said burgh to Sir William Pro domino W. Litstar, commoun clark.

Pro domino W. Litstar, commoun clark. Banyst.

Litstar, chaplane, for ane yeir and forthir induring thar will, and Archibald Dausoun to be substitut in the tyme.

Peter Diksoun and Wille Talyour, allies Klafling, war banyst this forsaid toun and syorne nevir to cum within the fredoum of the samyn, and hais grantit gife tha can be apprehendit within the saidis bundis to be tane and hangit without doum or law.

18 *January* 1528-9.

Lypyr.

It was fundin be the said inquist that Sir Johen Hunttar, chaplane, is liper and Sir James Lokart.

For fyeir.

It was statut and ordinit that na persoun nor personis set out ony chemnayis with fyeir to kendill on the hee gait for danger to cum tharof, under the pane of viij s. and the brekin of the chemnay.

25 *February* 1528-9.

Pro Patonsoun, coumptir.

Duncan Patonsoun offerit the compt of wmquhill David Crag, thesawrar to this gud toune, and the buk tharof, to Johen Ackyne and Allexander Watsoun to be in thar keipin on to the tyme that the saidis coumptis war futtit befoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, of the said burgh.

Pro Clark, writtin of King.

Patric Clark, servand to our Soverane Lord the King, presentit ane writtin of the Kingis grace to the provest and baillies of the said burgh and requirit tham to put the sammyn to execussioun.

5 *April* 1529.

Lipyr.

Sir Johen Hounttar, chaplane, was fundin liper be the said inquist and nocht sponsible to ramane with haill pepill. Sir James Lokart was fundin lypyr.

13 *April* 1529.

Convict of slakter.

Pate Fyndelosoun was convicit be ane conding assis for the creuall slakter of Johen Hammiltoun, soune and air to the lard of Perdowy.

21 *June* 1529.

Hukstaris.

Thir ar the nyemis of the hukstaris that ar ragratouris, as is allegit, and tha have fundin souerte for tyme to cum to keip the statutis:—James Lam souerte for Cristan Hendersoun; Cristan Hendersoun for hir moder; [here follow sureties for other twenty-five women].

Item, it is statut and ordinit that nane of thir fornemmit hukstaris, na nane uderis within the fredoume of the said burgh, by ony fycht quhill xj howris befoir noun, na fra xij howris quhill sex at ewin. Alssya, that nane of tham by butter, cheis, egis, foullis, corne, haye, foder, to tap agane apon nebowris, wnder the pane of the wnlaw of viij s. onforgevin. Hukstaris.

26 *August* 1529.

Copia litere conducionis Johannis Kowtis, lathomi, sequitur, et est talis, manu sua super pennam ductu, subscripta. Agreement with John Kowtis, mason.

At the burch of Striveling, the xxvj day of the moneth of August, the yer of God j^{m} v^{c} tuenty and ix yeris, it is fullely concordyt, apoyntit and fynally endyt, betuix honorable and prowident personis, that is to say, the prowest, balyeis, counssall and communite, of the said brugh off Strivelyn, on that ane part, and Jhon Kowtis, masoun, on that other part, in maner eftyr folowyng, that is to say, that the said Jhon Kowtis, masone, of his fre will and motiwe, uncompellit or unconstrenyeit be ony personis tharto, has conducit and feyit hym self with the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall, communyte and brugh, enduryng his lyftyme, and to remane with thame and thare successouris at thare said burgh to wirk and laubour his craft of masonry and gemetry, in all maner pertening tharto concernyng his facultie, at thair commone werk, inwith or owtwith thare said brugh, at all his uttyr power and possibilite at all tymes, be the awise and counsall of the mastyr of werk of the said brugh chosyn for the tyme, according to his occupacioun, and obey and ansuer him tharapoun as efferis, the said Jhon kepand and observand dewlye thir dyetis and tymes eftyr following of his enteryng dayly to his werk and laubour and departyng tharfra, that is to say, till entyr ilk day in the morwyng at fiwe houris quhen he shall hawe day licht to wirk with, laif at alewyn houris at none and sewyn houris at ewyn, the said Jhon haiffand ilk werk day ane half hour afor nyne houris afor none to his disjone and ane othir half hour afor four houris eftyr none to his nunschankis. All the remanent of the yeir, quhen the day is schort till entyr to his werk at day lycht in the morwyng, laif at half hour to twelf at none, and nycht at ewyn. And sa till contynew idandlie at his werk all yeris and dayis enduryng his lyftyme, according to the perfyte ryte and gud consuetude [of] werkmen; na halyday to be observit be hym, clamyt nor allegit, bot commandit of the law. Ilk day till entyr at the

Agreement with John Kowtis, mason.

houre of pryme eftyr none. Payand, yerlie, the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communite of the said brugh, and thar successouris, to the said Jhon Kowtis, masone, for his awyn labour and werkmanschip the sowme of fyfty markis gud and usuall money of the realm off Scotland as for his yerly fee quartarlie at thir four termys in the yer, that is to say, twelf markis and ane half mark at his first term of entray in and to his said werk, quhilk salbe at the day of the makyng of thir presentis as for the first quartar payment of the yer aforhand; at the fest of All Sanctis callit Allhallowmes nyxt thaireftyr twelf markis and ane half mark; and at the fest of the purificatioun of our Lady callit Kandilmes nyxt immediat thaireftyr following twelf markis and ane half mark; and at the fest of the Inventioun of the Cros callit Beltane the lattyr twelf markis and ane half mark, in compleit payment of the saidis fyfty markis; and sa till contynew yerlye, termlye, the payment of the saidis fyfty markis be yere enduryng the said Jhonnis lyftyme; togyddyr with ane yerlie bowntaith of fourty schillingis money forsaid, or the awale tharof, for his idand and contynuall gud serwice yerly to be done at his gudlie power at the sycht of the mastyr of werk for the tyme, and gif he beis indiscrete and unressonable than at the sycht of the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communite. With power to the said Jhone and his servandis of his causyng tyll intromett, rays and lay, and nane otheris, all layaris and thruchis within the paroch kirk of thare said brugh and quere tharof insafer as pertenys to thaim, haffand for ilk throwch raysyng and laying saxtene pennyis and ilk layar twelf pennyis, to be done by thar dew tyme of labour above expremyt; and gif ony of thaim beis brokyn or spylt in thar defalt tha sall reform and upset the sammyne agane to the party quhilk sall mak the payment of the said wage. And gif it sall happyn the said prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communyte of the said brugh, till licentt the said Jhone till ony othir werk than thar commone werk the said Jhone sall hawe his dayly wage efferand to his saidis yeris fee; prowidyng alwayis that it salbe unlefull to the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communite, now present or thar successouris, till hawe power till consent or lycent the said Jhone to ony othir werk than thar awyn commone wark saiffand the Kingis grace allegiance alanerlye owttane, and gif ony of thaim attempis in the contrare the attempar thairof and consentar sall pay his yeris fee. And the quhilkis thai bynd and oblys thame and thair successouris straitlie be the faith in thair bodyis to be observit and kepit at all tymes to

cum. And for the securyte of payment of the saidis Jhonis yerlye fee enduryng his lyftyme in maner forsaid to be maid, the saidis prowest, balyeis, counsall and communite, and thare successouris, byndis and oblisis thame and constrenyeis the commone gud of thare said brugh to the sammyne be this thare letteres, all fraud and gyle secludit and away put. In witnes of the quhilk thing, the commone sele of the said brugh is appensit to thir presentis, til remane with the said Jhone enduryng his lyftyme, day, yere and place abone expremyt, befor thir witnes: Williame Gillaspe, Patrik Symontoun, Jhon Makferlan, Jhone Makke, Archibald Dawsoun and Schir Williame Litstar, chaplane and notar publict, with utheris divers.

Agreemant with John Kowtis, mason.

JOHNE COUTTIS, mason, with my hand at the pen.

3 *September* 1529.

The provest and baillies hais liessent and lycessit the dekin and craftismen of the fleschouris to bait ane bull of Sanccubartis day or on the Sounday nixt thareftir.

Pro carnificibus, bull baiting.

4 *October* 1529.

Sir Johen Hunttar and Sir James Lokart war fundin lypyr.

Lypyr.

It is ordinit that the baillies sall pas with ane certane of nebouris with tham and wesy Jenne Millar, the spous of Allexander Adamsoun, and Cristan Huntaris douchter and Luke Strivelingis wyife gif tha be infecit with lypyr, becaus it is suspecit be the said inquist that tha ar infecit of the sammyn seknes.

For lypyr.

It is thocht expedient and is ordinit that all land fleschouris sall stand with thar flecht in the Bakraw betuex the almushous gavill and doune throw to the fleschouris of the said burgh quhar tha slay and brekis thar flecht, and in ony waist pairt maist convenient betuex the hee passagh to the Grayfreris and the said almushous gawill.

The land fleschouris.

It is statut and ordinit that na flescher within burgh, na within the schier, that bringis ony flecht to the said burgh to sell that beis spoulycit or mausschit, the persoun that committis and dowis the sam sall pay for the first falt ane wnlaw of viij s. onforgevin, and the nixt falt the flecht to be eschet and delt to Goddis foulkis, and him selfe to be dischargit fra flecht sellin in the mercat of the said burgh for yeir and day.

For spoulye of flecht.

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies and counssall, that all persoun or per-

The middingis.

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sonis that hais ony middingis in the Bakraw, or on the heegait of the said burgh, to tak tham away within xxiiij howris efter tha be chargit, wnder the pane of viij s.; and the mydding to be fre to ony persoun or persouns that will leid it away and to incur na danger tharfoir.

Burges and gild.

Archibald Spettall enterit to the fredoume of burgesry and gild and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li walx, and the wyne; and gif it happynit the said Archibald to occupy or ws marchandrece, as wders marchandis dowis in byin or sellin of stapill gudis, he oblissis him to pay to the gud toune the soume of fyfe pundis wsuall mony of the realme.

Bakstaris, quhit mercat.

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that the dekin and craftismen of the bakstaris sall convene and meit and avyes quhat part or place it is maist convenient and ganand that the quhit mercat be haldin in, and to cum on Friday the ix day of October nixt to cum and schaw tham and tha sall caus it to be haldin in the sam place.

8 *October* 1529.

Pro pistoribus, quhit mercat.

It is ordinit that the quhit that cummis to this mercat to sell sall stand apon the hee gait aboun the meil mercat, and nane of it to be coft quhill efter x howris.

The brig yeit.

Wille Aysoun is feit to the keipin of the brig yet for viij dais and sall have ilke day xij d.

21 *October* 1529.

Master masoun.

Johen Couttis, master masoun of the said burgh, enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, under the aicht aucht and wount, and hus fynis ramittit and forgevin him for hus gud and thankfull service to be doun be him to the Rud wark of the said burgh in the parocht kirk of the sammyn.

Common clark.

Johen Grame, common clark of the said burgh, enterit to the fredoume of the sammyn, under the aicht aucht and wount.

17 *January* 1529-30.

Erl of Ergile.

Ane nobill and mychty lorde, Colin erle of Ergile, etc., enterit to the fredom of the said burgh as air to wmquhill Colin erle of Ergile, under the aich aucht and wont.

Lipir.

Schir Johne Huntair, Schir James Lokkart and Lucas Strivelingis wiff, wer fundin lipir.

21 *February* 1529-30.

The provest, ballies, consall and communite present for the tym, oblisit thame and thair successouris to dispone thair perroche clerkschip in all tymes cuming, quhat tym or quhowsone it sall happin to vak or quhow oft, to the maist cunning chaiplane that can be had to syng in the choir of the said kirk and to na secular in all tymes cuming, and thair handis uphaldin that they sall nevir cum in the contrair, without preiudice to Jhone Bully, possessour for the tym. Jhone Bully, possessour of the said clerkschip, disassentit to the said act maid apone the perroch clerkschip bot gif the samyn war disponit to Schir Thomas Bully, his sone, eftir his deces. Peroche clerkschip.

4 *April* 1530.

The said bailye, with consent and avis of the consall and communite present for the tym, at the command of our Souerane Lorde, disponit, presentit and assignit thair altarage of the Trinite situat within the perroch kirk of the said burgh, being at thair dispositioun as undowtit patronis thairof, to maister Alexander Kid, chanoun of our Soveran Lordis chapell, and grantit thair commoun sele tharupoun. Trinite altar.

[*Records awanting from 4th April,* 1530, *to 6th December,* 1544.]

19 *January* 1544-5.

The inquist ordanis Cristian Huntair to be considerit be men of undirstanding gif scho be lipir or nocht, and gif sa beis fundin to put hir solitair, and in the mentyme to forbid the merket. Lipir.

16 *February* 1544-5.

The assis hes convictit Jonet Blakadir for trubling of Jonet Bell, calland hir notable theiff and huir and that scho stoill thre platis quhilk fell furth betuix hir lyning and the kirtill and that hir husband tuke up ane of tham, and tharfoir that scho stand in irnis at the will of the provest and baillies and pas to the place quhair scho said the saide ewill wordis and set doun on hir kneis and ask the said Jonet forgifnes and say: Tong scho leid; and gif scho faillies siclik in tyme cuming to be banist to the toun. Bell, Blakader, amerciament.

25 *February* 1544-5.

The provest and baillies hes grantit to the baxstaris that thai sall nocht For the bakstaris.

For the bakstaris.

be haldin to sell ony breid to Wat Scot, bot gif it pleis tham self, bot to kaip thair breid to serve the touin, and the said Waltir to baik hym self to serve the Quenis grace as pertenis to his office to do.

14 *April* 1545.

Regula pauperum.

The inquist ordanis the baillies to call all the puir folkis of this touin, and becaus of the contagius seiknes of the pest remove all strangears, and gif our awin puir ane takin quhairby thai may be knawin, and remove all otheris.

Robene fleschouris.

The inquist ordanis that Jonet Robene, the relict of wmquhill, salbe tholit to have seruand to brek the Cragis to be sald to puir bodijs, becaus thai undirstand that hir husband and Johne Findlasoun usit siclik of befoir, and als that the samyn is the commoun wele for the puir folkis.

17 *April* 1545.

Mukkart, Jak; assault, slander.

The inquist findis the borcht persewit be Elspeth Mukkart aganis Katherine Jak of avale for trubling and streking of the said Elspet, servand at hir awin brewhous, rifing of hir hair and casting of hir at the erde, and for molesting and trubling of the said Elspet be hir ewill langage, calland hir commoun huir and theiff that hes lyin this nyne yeir in the devillis armis with ane other wiffis husband baith be nycht and day; and thairfoir ordanis the said Katherine Jak to pas to the merket croce this nixt Settirday at x houris and ane quhite wand in hir hand and ask Elspet Mukkart forgifnes.

19 *June* 1545.

Streking and bluid drawing.

Johne Murray, fleschour, amerciat for streking and bluid drawing of Mathe Robesoun, ordanis for reformacioun to pay the barbour and ane crouin of wecht to the pairty, and for his commoun tuilye to leiff the touin or remane in warde in the tolboitht for yeir and day, at the will of provest, baillies and counsall.

Pikrie.

William Brouin [and] James Duncansoun, apprehendit with pikrie, ordanit to be banist the toun and thair lugis nalit to the trone.

30 *July* 1545.

Grahame [penance].

The assis decernis Agnes Hendersoun to pas apon Sonday nixtocum befoir the processioun, sark alane, and ane walx candill in hir hand, and offer the samyn to the Rude lycht and say to tong: You leid that said Annapill

Graheme wes ane freris get and freris yawde and ger the moder cum to me and I sall tell hir how scho brynt hir faggald; and thaireftir ask thaim forgifnes. Grahame [penance].

5 *August* 1545.

It wes knawin to the bailyie that Richart Mereleis, [and five others,] contempnandlie, contrair the proclamatioun that na man suld depart furth of the touin without licence, undir the pane of deid, departit at iij houris in the morning our the yarde heidis without licence of the touin and contrair the will of the wache, manisand and boistand thaim; for the quhilk the bailye, with avis of the counsall, decernis the saidis personis to have tynt the fredome of the touin, and nevir to be ressavit tharin in tyme tocum, and that na man resset, luge nor consele thaim, or ony ane of thaim, at thair returning, undir the pane of deid. Pro communitate, expellit and banist.

5 *October* 1545.

Ordanis that na swyne be fundin on the hie gait, nor in na mannis skaith, sic as yardis or cornis, and gif thai be fund in ony of thai it salbe lesum to ony man to sla thaim. Swyne.

Ordanis lychtis and bowettis to be set out at places convenient in the nycht, for geving of lycht to the pepill to se, as the provest and baillies thinkis expedient. Lychtis.

16 *October* 1545.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes grantit to the craftismen to have four personis of the wisest of thaim yeirlie on the counsale. For the craftis, [fourth bailie.]

And als hes grantit to thaim that craftismen in tyme cuming, ane or ma, sall bruike office of balyerie, thai being fundin be the counsall able and qualifeit thairto, and hes admittit, at thair desiris, Archbald Spittale to be adjonit to be ferde bailyie for this instant yeir.

It was concludit be the counsall, of thair awin consentis, that quhilk of thaim absentis thair selffis fra the counsall quhen thai are chargit sall pay to the werk of the touin x s., being jugit tharin be the counsall. For the commoun werk.

3 *November* 1545.

MARIE, be the grace of God, Quene of Scottis. . . . Forsamekill as it is devisit be our derrest cosing and tutour, James erle of Arrane, etc., protectour and governour of our realme, and lordis of our counsall, that the soum Letters in name of the Queen. Bordouris taxt.

Letters in name of the Queen. Bordouris.

of xvj^{m} li. be rasit and upliftit for support of the bordouris aganis our ald innymys of Ingland, and that ane half thairof to have bene payit at the fest of Alhallowmes last bipast and that other half tharof to be payit at new yeir nixtocum, and tharfoir our utheris letteres wer direct chargeing the provest and baillies of the burgh of Edinburgh to convene thair nychtbouris as uis is and taxt thaim selffis and all otheris our borowis lik as thai have done in tymes bigane, insafer as extendis to thar part of the said soum.[1] . . . [Ordains officers to charge the burgh of Stirling to pay their share, and] the inhabitantis of our said burgh to mak payment of the said taxt ilk man for his awin part, insafer as he is taxt to, to the said provest and baillies. . . . Gevin under our signet, at Linlithqw, the thrid day of November and our regnne the thrid yeir.

28 *May* 1546.

Lair, Nelesoun.

Adam Andirsoun alias Mukart disponit and sald ane lair in the kirk to Johne Nelesoun and his aris, lyand befoir the powpeit, and hes ressavit payment tharof, and sall warrand the samyn to hym and his aris for evir.

12 *July* 1546.

Maknaktis, Brouin; breid furnist to Queen.

Isabell Brouin, as souerte for umquhill Walter Scot, to pay iij li. to Johne Maknaktis becaus scho grantit the samyn, and that for breid fwrnist to the Quenis grace be the said Isbell, in name, behalf and command, of the said Waltyr.

Lamb, theft.

Marioun Lamb, being takin reid hand with ane Spanyie cloik of David Nochell, of hir awin fre will oblist hir, and evir scho war fundin faltand in thift, scho salbe drownit without other dome or law.

30 *July* 1546.

Curia justiciarie.

Curia justiciarie supreme domine nostre Regine, tenta in pretorio burgi de Striveling per prepositum et balliuos eiusdem, justiciaros in hac parte, conjunctim et divisim, specialiter constitutos.

Duncanson convict pro murthero.

Donald Duncanson being accusit for the cruell slachter and murthir, undir

[1] The proportion of the tax of £16,000 Scots, allocated on the burghs, amounted to £2,666 13s. 4d., of which the share payable by Stirling was £67 7s. 6d. — *Convention Records*, vol. i., p. 518.

nycht, of wmquhill Johne Lanorok, his maister, hawand trest and credite of hym to sleip and waik in his werkhous, the durris thairof being fast stekit, and of his liff and deid, gudis, geir and substance, apon the xxj day of Julij last bipast the said Donald awatand apon his said maister and seand hym at ane hevy sleip and rest as natour gevis, cruellie awakit and tuke up in his handis ane gret hevy stane and fellit his said maister in his foirheid and thairefter cuttit his throte, and spoilleit his body of his clething, purs and mony, and thairefter brak his chalmer and thiftuislie stoill that plesit him of redy mony and gudis; and being persewit be Jonet Mentetht, the said wmquhill Johnis spous, and Bessie Lanerok, his sister,—convict, ex proprio consensu. Duncanson convict pro murthero.

13 *August* 1546.

Marion Ray convict for the trubling of William Cuninggame with hir trublus wordis, sayand of hym that scho lukit throe ane hole and saw hym swiff Henry Thomson wiff vj tymes. And als for trubling of Henry Thomson, sayand to hym: Sclaverand Henry, wer you worthie to swiff thi wiff thi self you wald nocht lat otheris swiff hir. And als for trubling of Agnes Hendirsoun, calland hir commoun huir and that scho wist hir xx tymes swivit, and that scho [saw] Wille Cuninggame swiff her vj tymes. Ra; Hendersoun, Cuninggame, [punishments for slander].

The said assis ordanis, for reformatioun, the said Marioun to sit doun on hir kneis and ask the said William and Agnes forgifines and say:—Toung you leid on thaim; and thaireftir remane in ward within the tolboitht quhill the claspis and calvill of irne devisit of befoir be maid and thaireftir to be put and lokit on hir for xxiiij houris, without ony relaxing.

Agnes Hendirsoun convict for trubling of Marioun Ray, calland hir huir and brekair of spowsage, and ordanis, for reformacioun heirof, the said Agnes, eftir that the said Marioun hes fullfillit the pyne put to hir, to ask the said Marioun forgifnes and say:—Toung you leid on hir.

2 *September* 1546.

John Hutoun [and six others] ar licient to pas to the touin of Renfrow sa lang as it is unsuspect of the pest, and to bring with thaim hering, and to tak na stuff furth with thaim bot alanerly thair viveris for thair awin sustentantioun; and gif ony thai failyeis or departis fra otheris, to tyne liff, landis and gudis; and to na other townis. Cagearis.

15 *September* 1546.

Sibbald, Smyth, coilyair to the Queen.

Alexander Sibbald, of his awin confessioun oblist hym as souerte for David Sibbald, coilyair to the Quenis grace, to content and pay to Johne Smyth the sowm of fourty pundis usuall mony of Scotland awin to hym for colis furnist to the said David betuix the day of the dait heirof and the fest of Sanct Martyne nixtocum.

24 *September* 1546.

Statut, counsall.

It wes statut and ordanit be the counsall that the proveist nor baillies sall [nocht] do nor dispone apon ony aclames or caussis concerning the commoun wele of the touin without awis or consent of the counsall.

13 *October* 1546.

Counsall.

The quhilk day, ar suorne of the counsall for this instant yeir: Richert Narne [and twelve others] to concluid, devis and ordane, apon all besynes concerning the commoun wele, and in speciale tueching the propirte and patrimony of the burgh and exspending of the frutis thairof, gude reule of all viveris, and sustentatioun of puris gif God sendis the infirmite of pest amangis thaim, and all otheris actiones and materis concerning the commoun wele, the quhilkis the saidis provest and baillies hes acceptit apon thaim to put to executioun and manteine all sic thingis as salbe devisit be thaim for the commoun well. And the saidis counsall tobe in redines with all thair nychtbouris and collegis of the touin to serve the saidis provest and baillies in all actiones concerning the commoun wele and furthputting of thair auctorite.

29 *October* 1546.

Acquit Clune, pest.

Andro Clune, being accusit for the bringing of full geir of the pest within this burgh, sending the samyn to his wiff quha is deid of the said pest, quhairthrow the infectioun thairof is rissin within the said burgh, doand that wes in hym to have infeckit the hale pepill thairof, incurrand tharthrow, be strait proclamationis maid and defendit in our Soverane Ladijs name for keping of hir maist noble persoun, the pane of deid and tinsale of his landis and gudis gif ony ye have, quhilk ye can nocht deny, to the takin ye avansit you thairof sayand ye had put ane blok in Striveling of the pest that suld nevir gang furth of it, with mony otheris evill wordis to that effect, as the hale cuntray knawis.

2 *December* 1546.

Johne Gillane and Johne Johnsoun, being apprehendit cumand fra Leitht and Edinburgh with certane merchandis, and thairfor wer commandit that thai suld nocht entir within this burgh with the said geir becaus of suspicioun of the pest, and for licience to thaim to entir within this burgh foirsaid with thair said merchandis hes oblist thaim, of thair awin confessiones, and thair be ony falt thairof fund throw thaim or thair said merchandis, to thole the deid in thair personis and thair hale landis and gudis to be eschetit to the commoun werk. Pest.

17 *December* 1546.

Johne Fischair, alias Blynk, confessit that he stoll furth of James M'Keson barne row, the v day of December instant within the nycht, of ane gray coit, ane pair of quhit hois, ane gray bonnet, quhilk he hes gottin with Agnes Thomson, and ane sark quhilk scho disponit, ane brekin cote, ane lyning sark sewit with silk, and ane doublat of small quhit, ane sark of round lyning, with other geir; and als grantit furth of Alexander Alschinder scellair of ane bakin hen thre quartaris cakis, and yeid in at the outour windo; and als stoll furth of Besse Smythis furth of Ochtertire of certane malt in ane crele, and xvj s. furth of Thomas Millaris purs furth of Menstre. And adjugit to be nalit his lug to the trone, and to be cuttit the hale lug, ane merk on his cheik, and to be skurgit throw the toun and banist furth of the touin and schir, undir the pain of deid. Johne Fischair convict.

8 *January* 1546-7.

David Forester of Garden, provest of the burgh of Striveling, with awis of the baillies and counsall tharof, hes condusit and feit Williame Purves, knokmakair, to renew and repair the ald knok of the said burgh, mackand all maner of graitht thairof new forgit that is necessair to be maid new, and the remanent that is sufficient tobe reparit as efferis, suay that the said knok be als substantious, als just, kepand als gude cours, als permanent in reule and cours, as ony knok of hir quantite within this realme dois; and inlikmaner sall mak and repair of new graitht ane orlege and mone, with all necessaris tharof, kepand just cours fra xij houris to xij houris, alswele nycht as day, and just chainge of the mone yeirlie throucht as efferis, with ane burde of estland burde paintit with gold and uly colouris of v quartare breid and ane half, and Knok.

Knok.

vj quartar lang, with all circumstancis and reparationis necessar, tobe compleit betuix the dait heirof and the fest of Witsonday nixtocum; for the quhilk the said provest sall content and pay to the said William the soum of xxxv li. money of this realme, thairof x li. at his first enteres to his labouris and other x pundis at the perfection of the said knok set up at all point and reparit, and the remanent xv li. at the completing of the said hale werk in maner abone expremit.

24 *January* 1546-7.

Custum.

The provest, baillies and counsall, avisand apon the complaint of the baxstaris and maltmen aganis David Graheme, custummair, for trubling of thaim in the wrangus and sair taking of thair custum, hes statut and ordanit that in all tymes tocum ilk laid of victuall grouand within the sherefdome of Striveling sall pay j d. of custum quha evir bring it in, freman or other, and gif ony freman of the touin hes ony stuff of thair awin growand and scellis the samyn thai sall pay tharfoir iiij d. of the chalder of mettege silveir, and gif ony freman byis ony victuall or other stuff in ony other burgh or without the said sherefdome thai sall pay na custum tharfoir.

21 *February* 1546-7.

Sibbald, Smith, coilyear to Queen.

It is appointit betuix David Sibbald, servitour to the Quenis grace drowiare of Scotland, on that ane part, and Johne Smyth, principale fermorair of the larde of Caldouris heucht, on that other part, in this maner, the saide Johne sall furnis the said David, as maister coilyear to the said Quenis grace, as many colis burges leidis as tua hors may leid, for ane yeir, for xvj d. the leid. . . .

28 *February* 1546-7.

Act pro Regine et nobilibus.

It wes statut and ordanit be the provest and baillies that na manir of personis duelling within this touin craiff nor ask thair dettis at the Quenis grace, nor nane otheris noble and gret men, for na maner of merchandris, breid, aile, hors mait, or other furnising quhatsumevir, quhill thai first mak ane bill apon the thing awing thaim and deliver the samyn to the provest and baillies, and gif thai fynd the way that thai ma have payment thai sall mak na blaisnyng nor craiffing tharof quhill the provest and baillies refuis to caus thaim be pait; and thareftir it salbe lesum to thaim to craiff as thai pleis; and quha dois in the contrair sall tyne thair fredome and liberte of the touin gif thai have ony, and gif thai have nane to be expellit of the touin.

Robert Arnot, [and four others, became sureties] that Michell Donaldsoun sall compeir befoir the provest or baillies in the tolboitht of Striveling, apon xxiiij houris warning, to undirlie the law for all cryme that salbe imput to hym throu the apprehending in his handis of certane brokin silver challangit be the Quenis grace and imbassitouris servandis. Souertie for Donaldson; Queen and imbassitouris servandis.

17 *March* 1546-7.

The provest and baillies ordanis that na claret nor quhite wyne be sald of derrer price nor xiiij d., nor Romany derrer nor xviij d. the point; and quha falyeis to pay xx li. Wine.

21 *March* 1546-7.

In presens of Archbald Spittale and William Smart, baillies, it is appointit betuix Alexander Gourlay, dekin of the skynnaris, and the hale remanent of his craft, on that ane part, and Johne Maklellan and Waltir Stewart, bonnatmakaris, on that other part, in this manir, the saidis dekin and craftismen of skynnaris hes ressavit the saidis bonatmakaris to the brodirheid of thair craft and previlege tharof to be haldin in all tymes cuming of thair brodirheid, obeyand thair dekin and craft as thair subdeanis, and payand upsettis, olklie pennys and otheris dewiteis respective, ilkane for thair awin part, as the craftismen of the said skynnar craft pais, with all other chargis, taxationes and dewiteis, lik as the laiff of the said craft dois; providing alwayis that the saidis personis and all thair eftir cumaris of the said craft entir to the fredome of the burgh and do tharfor as efferis. The quhilk appointment and conventioun above written the provest and baillies hes ratifijt and apprevit and for all tyme cuming confermit that all bonnetmakaris of this toun being enterit to the fredome of the toun sall pay upset, scot and lot, walk and warde, pay olklie pennys, and exerce and tak thair part effering to thair substance of all chairges tobe put in tym cuming to the said craft. Skynnaris and bonatmakaris.

1 *April* 1547.

Helene Huchoun amerciat for trubling of Besse Efflek, sayand to hir: raistit huir and glengoir huir, and casting of stanis at hir. Amerciament.

18 *April* 1547.

Decernis and findis that Jonet Bell has failyeit to Jonet Scharp, sayand Sharp, Bell.

Sharp, Bell. that hir barne wes David Sibbaldis, and that he lay with hir, gevand sic occasioun that the said Jonet husband hes left hir; and ordanis for punitioun that scho gang, sark alane, befoir the processioun apon Sonday nixtocum and ask the said Jonet and hir gudman forgifnes and say:—Toung you leid on hir.

Fleschouris. Tueching the chopin kniff takin, findis use and consuetude of craftis to tak unfremennis werklumes.

Banist. The assis findis Jonet Wrycht ane pikair and apprehendit with saip, lynt and ane scheit, etc., and ordanis to byrne hir cheik and banis hir the touin.

28 *April* 1547.

Amerciament, Ray. Marioun Ray amerciat for trubling of Agnes Hendersoun, calland hir huir and theiff, landlowpair, brekair of spousage, and that scho suld lay the pynt stoup on hir cheftis; ordanis for penitioun that thair be maid ane standand gest furth fra the heid of the tolboitht, with ane pillie, ane tow and ane creile, and scho be put in the creile and hyng thair during the will of the provest and baillies.

Amerciament, Duchok. William Duchok amerciat for trubling of Merione Aikman, the spous of Thomas Carnis, calland hir blawid huir [etc.]; and ordanis for punitioun that he sit douin on his kneis in plane courtt and ask hir forgifnes and say to hym self:—Tong you leid on hir; and to drink wattir xxiiij houris becaus he wes drunkin quhen he missaid hir; and gif he faillies in tyme cuming to hing xlviij houris in the said creile without dispensatioun.

The bell. James Schaw amerciat for bluid drawing, [and two others for "trubling"]. For punisment, ordanis thair unlawis to be tane with rigour to the support of the bell.

6 *June* 1547.

Tailyeouris. The assise findis that the dekyn and craftismen of the tailyeour craft hes done na wrang in the taking of James Modrellis scheris, becaus he wes fundin wirkand tharwitht and wes nothir fre with the toun nor the said craft, and ordanis the said James and Johne Stene to desist and cece fra all using of the said craft within this burgh quhill thai be maid fre with the toun and craft.

10 *June* 1547.

Quenis hat. In presens of Archbald Spittale, ane of the baillies of the burght of Striveling, Alexander Durame ressavit fra Marioun Bruce ane hat of velvus

begareit all with chenyeis of gold, with ane drawand chenyie and ane knop, quhilk scho had in plege of the Quenis grace drowriare of Scotland, for the quhilk the said Alexander dischargis Robert Forester of Kilyemuk of ane hundretht pundis quhilk he debursit to hym of foirhand in hope to have bocht his hous quhilk Marioun Bruce now occupijs, and all contractis betuix thaim to this day, becaus he hes ressavit the said hate and tane hym to the Quenis grace payment. And the said Marion, quha hes agreit with the said Robert apon the said lugeing and hous, hes tane allowance in hir payment maid to the said Robert for the samyn hundretht li.; and the saidis Robert and Alexander oblis thaim, coniunctlie and severalie, to releiff the said Marioun of the said hat with the particular at the Quenis handis and all otheris, and to deliver to the said Marion hir writing of the ressait of the said hat within xv dais, and sua the said Marion dischargis the hundreth pundis quhilk the said hat lay in plege for to hir. Quenis hat.

26 *August* 1547.

Marie, be the grace of God, Quene of Scottis: To our sheref of Striveling and his deputis, and to our lovittis Ormond, pursuvant, messingeris, our shereffis in that part, coniunctlie and severalie, specialie constitut, greting: Forsamekill as eftir divers advertismentis maid to our derrest cousing and tutour and governour and lordis of our secreit counsale of the incuming of our ald innymys of Ingland, and last of all be Ilay, our herald, laitlie returnit furth of the Newcastell, quhair he left the Protectour of Ingland with his army on gaitwart to invaid our realme and entir in the bowndis tharof be land, the last day of this instant monetht of August: Oure will is heirfoir, etc., that ye pas to the merket croces of our burrowis of Striveling and Falkirk, and utheris places neidfull, and thair, be oppin proclamation in our name and auctorite, command and charge all and sindrie our liegis, baitht to burgh and to land, regalite and rialte, aswele spirituall men as temporall men, yemen, commonis, gentill men, and utheris fensabill personis quhatsumevir, of quhat stait, degre or aige thai be off, that thai and ilkane of thaim, wele bodin in feir of weir, with armis and walpinnis, addres thaim tobe at Fawlay Muir the last day of August instant, with tuenty dais victuale nixt eftir thair cuming, and to pas fordwart with our said derrest cousing, tutour and governour, for defence of our realme and resisting of our ald innymys, eftir the forme and tenour of our utheris letters and proclamatiounes past tharupon of befoir, and undir the panis [Proclamation for assembling of army at Fala Muir.]

[Proclamation for assembling of army at Fala Muir.]

contenit in the samyn nochtwithstanding ony licience gevin or tobe gevin in the contrair; and that ye our said sheref and your deputis mak the fire cors to be dung with all possible deligence throu all partis and boundis of your offices, and set up gebattis within every burgh of our realme for punischment of the persons remanand at hame incontrair the tenour of this our charge, undir the pane of tinsale of your offices and punisment of your personis, landis and gudis, with all rigour, as ye will ansuer to us tharupoun. The quhilk to do we commit to you, coniunctlie and seueralie, our full powar, be thir our letteres, delivering tham be you dewlie execut and indorsat agane to the berar. Gevin undir our signet, at Edinburgh, the xxvj day of August and of our regne the fift yeir.

26 *October* 1547.[1]

Assedatio aque de Forth. Toun wallis.

The provest, baillies and counsell, set the Watter of Forth to Johne Forestare, his airis and assignais, for all the dais and termes of thre yeiris nixt and immediat to be compleit eftir the dait of thir presentis, for auchtene pundis yeirlie, extending in the haill thre yeiris to the sowme of fifti four pundis money of this realme, pait be the said Johne in fore male and befoirhand, in ane haill sowme and togeddir, to be expendit upone the strengthing and bigging of the wallis of the toun, at this present peralus tyme of neid, for resisting of oure auld innimeis of Ingland.

7 *November* 1547.

Pro communitate, narrow passage.

The provest and baillies, considerand the narrownes of the passage at the nuke and point passande to the touin burne quhair William Malice usis schoing of hors, and the rouim is nocht convenient tharto becaus of stopping of passage, that nother hors men, futmen nor leid men, may gudlie pas by but cummir, and tharfoir hes dischargit the said William of all schoing of hors in the saide narrow passage fra this our furth, undir the pane of ane unlaw.

21 *February* 1547-8.

Curia justiciarie.

Curia justiciarie supreme domine nostre Regine, tenta in pretorio eiusdem . . per Johannem Cragingelt de eodem, prepositum dicti burgi, justiciarium in hac parte de mandato domini Gubernatoris in verbo dato.

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[1] The usually regular work of the burgh court seems to have been interrupted "at this present peralus tyme," as there is scarcely anything written in the book between 30th August and 7th October.

Nomine inquisitionis: William Alexander [and fourteen others.] John Hwme, Inglisman, ye ar inditit for the cuming fra the Inglis army, now being at Brughty Crage, throw the cuntrey of Scotland quhill ye com to the town of Perth, without ony conduct or assurans of ony Scotisman, now in tyme of weir, for espying of the said town of Perth and udir partis within this realm, to that effect to have drawin the said army of Ingland for destructioun of our Soverane ladyis legis, bayth of thair bodeis and guidis, be fire and suord, quhilk ye can nocht deny, in takin ye war tane on the brig of the said toun of Perth. [Indictment of an Englishman.]

24 *February* 1547-8.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes devisit and ordanit that all manir of induellaris within this burgh be redy with thair bodeis, servandis and hors, to wirk and labour for strynthing of the touin in all sortis as salbe devisit and commandit; and inlikmanir that na manir of man depart of the touin nor leiff the samyn now in tyme of mistir, undir the pane of tinsale and escheting of thair landis and gudis, and thair selffis nevir nor thair airis nevir to have place, fredom nor duelling, within this touin efterwart. Strynthing of toun.

28 *February* 1547-8.

The provest and baillies and counsall commandit Robert Geichane and Thomas Carnis, baxstaris, to delivir to Alexander Watsoun, in the townis name, the soum of fourty pundis usuall mony of Scotland, awing be thaim to the executouris of wmquhill David Sibbald for certane quhite sald to thaim be the saidis executouris to support and furnis the townis labouris for resisting of the Inglismen now in tyme of neid, and thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, oblist thaim to warrand and keip skaithles the saidis Robert and Thomas and all otheris quhom it efferis at all handis, and tharupon the saidis Robert and Thomas askit actis. Resisting Inglismen.

19 *March* 1547-8.

The provest and ballies hes grantit to the craftismen of wobstaris thair auld privelege usit and wont. For the wobstaris.

At the command of the provest and ballies, James Fairny, Johne Cultis, Andro Andersoun, James Hall and Johne Richertsoun, past and vesyit the tenement and werk hous of umquhill George Speris, lyand bath contigue to the toun burn, his duelling hous on the west pairt tharof and his werkhous on Condition of a tenement and werk hous.

Condition of a tenement and werk hous.

the eist part of the samyn; fand the foir pairt and hall of the said duelling hous weill reparit, new thekit with thak, weill tymmerit and kaberit, and sylit abone the hall buird, the windokis weill glasynnit and tirlesit within and without as efferis, with portall slottis and closouris, and the remanent of the said tenement ewin to the yaird standand sufficiently in gret tymmer sic as scylle pan and first, and in kaboris, wattillis and stray, thak and devot, sobirly apperand watir ticht; and the yaird tharof with ane stane dyk at the west end of the sam; and the said werk hous with furnis, leid and fattis, weill wallit and tymmerit, sobirly waterticht as said is; with the yaird tharof dykit with stane and mortar.

7 *April* 1548.

For the commoun wele; artailyery.

The provest, ballies, counsale and dekinnis, hes consentit to be taxt at Midsomer nixtocum gif neid beis, for the releiff of William Bell, for the artailyery and price tharof as efferis.

13 *April* 1548.

Wynd myln.

William Bell, Johne Forester and Waltir Cousland, offerit for to big ane wynd myln to the touin for vij yeir tak fre and xx li. of male for the rest of xix yeir.

24 *April* 1548.

Pruves, communitate, knok and mone.

Williame Pruves, knokmakair, grantit hym to have ressavit be the handis of Alexander Watsoun, ane of the baillies of the burgh of Striveling, the soum of ten pundis in hale and compleit payment of all sowmes that he ma ask or craiff for his labouris of knok and mone macking and all otheris labouris to this hour, and quitclames and dischargis the toun and all otheris quhom it efferis for evir, and sall warrand his werk sufficient conforme to his contract befoir contenit in this buke.

22 *May* 1548.

Irrewin, Forneir, supplies to imbasatour.

Maistir Johne Forneir, maistir houshald to the imbassatour, convenit with Robert Irrewin, fleschour, in this manir,—to furnis hym muttoun, the hale bouke and intralis, except alanerlie the skyn, for x s. the pece; kiddis, except the skynnis, iiij s.; the yong vale, vj s.; ane doissoun of loingis, viij s.; ane vale of yeir ald or tharby, xxviij s. the iiij quartaris alanerlie; ane gret vale of thre yeir ald or tharby, the four quartaris, xxxiiij s.; and the iiij quartaris of the kow, five merk, with sum part of intralis, conforme to thair comoning. The

said Robert hes ressavit tuenty five crownis of the sone debursit befoir hand, for the quhilk William Alexander is cumin souerte salang as the silveir lestis, and siclik as the mony beis renewit and induring to Allhallowmes, mony allwayis being avansit aye befoir. Irrewin, Forneir, supplies to imbasatour.

31 *August* 1548.

Curia justiciarie supreme domine Regine, tenta . . . per Johannem Cragingelt de eodem, prepositum burgi predicti ac vicecomitem deputatum vicecomitatus eiusdem. Nomina assise: Johne Forster, [and fourteen others]. Curia justiciarie.

Nycoll Harower, being accusit of the thifteous steling of ane blak hors and brekin of our Soverane Ladyis presoun, he confessit the steling of the said hors fra Marioun Gowane in Hillbandrik and the breking of the said presoun, of the quhilk the said assis hes convickit him, and ordanis him tobe hangit quhill he be deid. Harower to be hangit.

The provest and ballies ordanis all nychtbouris quhilkis ar departit of the town for the pest that thay returne and cum agane to the samyn incontinent for the commone weill and guid of the town, undir the pane of tinsell of thair fredome, within thre dayis heireftir; and ordanis this act tobe proclamit at the croce for thar warning; and siclyk, that all baksteris, brousteris and flescheouris, uis thair occupationis and craftis, undir the pane forsaid.[1] Pro communitate, pest.

3 *November* 1548.

Johne Cowan com in will to the provest and counsall for the furthputting of Marioun Cowan, his dochter, to kirk and merket, without licience of the provest or baillies, and gif ony danger cumis tharthrou, or ony of his hous, tobe at the said provest and counsalis will. In will, Cowan, pest.

9 *November* 1548.

Robert Gechane, being accusit for saying that Thomas Ramsay slew the Quenis deir, he refusit the saying tharof and denyit. Quenis deir.

3 *December* 1548.

The provest and ballies ordanis xl s. tobe gevin to Wilyem Kerslaw for the keping of [the] knok in the yeir, of the commone guid. Knok.

[1] There are no entries in the record between 31st August and the date of the elections in October, the interruption of municipal proceedings being doubtless occasioned, as was the case in many similar instances, by the visitation of the pestilence.

Customs, etc.

The provest, ballies and counsall, ordanis the girs maill and stallange of this present yeir and the yeir last bipast tobe gadderit be William Smert and Andro Neilsoun, for the consideratioun of thair tinsell of the small custummis in the yeir last bipast, and thai to pay the haill sowm as the saidis custummis wes set, that is to say, xiij merk ix s., tobe payit to Johne Forster.

30 *December* 1548.

Aill.

The provest, ballies and counsall, hes statut and ordanit that every brouster sall, als sone as hir new aill is reddy tobe cunnit, charge the ballie of that quarter in the quhilk scho duellis to cum and bring suorne cunneris with him and set ane price upon the said aill and sell na derrar nor the said ballie ordanis it to be sald; and attour, the saidis brousteris hes oblist thame selfis, of thair awne confessioun, to sell als gud aill to thame that fechchis it owt of the hous as within the samyn and of the sam price; and giff ony of thame falyeis in the premissis sall pay xl s. of unlaw.

18 *February* 1548-9.

Pro communitate, freris predicatouris.

Freir Archbald Hynd, haveand power of the priour and convent of the freris predicatouris of Striveling, with consent and assent of the saidis priour and convent, comperit personalie in the tolboith of Striveling befoir the provest and ballies of the burgh of Striveling, and thar the saidis provest and ballies dischargeit all personis within thar jurisdictioun to have ony intromissioun with the halff fisching of ane cobill upon the water of Forth, allegit to pertene to thame, unto the tyme thay be lauchfullie callit and ordourly put tharfra; and in that cais the said freir Archbald haveand the power forsaid submittit the saidis priour and convent to the jurisdictioun of the lordis of sessioun and renuncit thar awne jurisdictioun and all uther privelegis in that cais.

8 *March* 1548-9.

Maltmen.

The provest and baillies hes grantit to the maltmen that all thaim that use thair occupatioun sall pay olkis pennys with thaim, alswele without the toun and within.

1 *April* 1549.

Tennent, Kinros, Quene Margaret.

Decernis Malcum Kinros to content and pay to Jonet Tennent, the spous of Johne Cowane, the sowme of tuenty sex li. for merchandris, Scottis blak, Franche blak, and uthir geir contenit in the said Jonettis compt, deliverit to

the said Malcum, and als contenit in ane precept subscrivit be umquhill Margaret, Quene of Scotland, quhom God assolye, commanding the said Malcum to mak payment tharof to the said Jonet, as hir officier and chalmerlane of Striveling schire, becaus the said Malcum tuik to preiff that the said merchandris wes tane upon the said umquhill Quenis credit and succumbit in his probatioun; and ordanis preceptis to be direct heirapoun giff neid be. Tennent, Kinros, Quene Margaret.

12 *April* 1549.

The provest and ballies inhibitis William Norwell and all utheris to visie and occupy the fredome of skinner craft in tymes cuming bot gif thai entir to the samin and scot and lot with thame. Wilsoun, Norwell, skinnar craft.

The assise findis William Norwell ammerciat for the trubling of William M'Clellane, saying he wes manesuorne and gif he gat him without the port he suld peirs his skin. Ammerciat.

The assise can nocht acquit Helene Thoir of the trubling and blud drawing of William Gillespy and trubling and casting to the yeird of his wiff, and ordanis for reformacioun that hir body sall byd in the tolbyth, at the provest will, and thareftir pas to the plaice quhair the falt was done and offir the stane in his hand that scho kest at him and ask him forgevnes on hir kneis; and gif scho be fund doand siclyk till ony uthir to pay ten li. to the toun wirk. Amerciat.

29 *April* 1549.

Robert Leirmonth, in name and behalf of the Quenis grace and wardane and convent of the Freiris Minouris of Striveling, protestis that gif thay be hurt in thair rycht or possessioun, for remeid and actioun of wilfull errour to the inqueist. And Johne Wallace for his part in lyk manir protestit. Wardane, Wallace, Freris Minouris.

Anent the breve of lyning purchest be the bredir of the Freris Minoris of the burght of Striveling aganis Johne Wallace, and for the wrangus biging apon thair dik of thair kirkyarde and putting furth of windois and asiamentis tharin, it is appointit in this manir, that is to say, the saidis brethir, movit of cheritie and nychtbour luiff, has tollerate the said Johne to big upon thair saide dik, and to breuke tua nedmest windois tharin, hevand the samyn wele stanchorit with irne and clois glasinnit in all tymes cuming; and anent the tua uvirmest lychtis, the saide Johne sall distroy the samyn and big thaim up plane wall with stane and lyme; and anent the closet bigit on the said Johne Wallace Gray freris, Wallace.

Gray freris, Wallace.

awin side, upon that part of the said brederis wall and dik, thai have siclik tollerate hym to breuke the samyn salang as thair wall remanis skaithtles, unfuilyeit, that is to say, that it be nocht knawin apon thair side nor in thair kirk yarde that thair is ane closet in that part, othir be flevir, sicht, or coloring of the said wallis; and als the said Johne hevand the gavill of his bakstair apon the said dike cloce without sycht of the gavill tharof apon the said bretheris kirk yarde.

9 *May* 1549.

Duchemen.

Francis Forcane and James Croiff, Duche men, com in will to the provest of Striveling for breking of our Soverane Ladijs pace and wonding and hurting of William Wrycht in perrell of his liff, undir silence of nycht, and schoting of his pistolate within direge, in gret apering of the slachter of baitht men and wemen amang congregatioun tharof, etc.

14 *May* 1549.

Tolboith, kirk.

The forhous of the tolboith wes set to James Ros for xl s. maill for ane yeir, and to uphald the glasin windowis of the kirk for the samin yeir, and to reforme all the faltis of the saidis kirk windois, the provest findand him glas and uthir stuff needfull.

5 *July* 1549.

Wobisteris.

The provest and baillies ordanis all wobisteris that wirkis the townis werk, quhair evir thay duell, to pay ane olkis penny to the dekin of the wobisteris, and the nychtbouris that puttis furth thair wobbis to werk to ansuer tharfoir of the payment of the saidis wobbis.

12 *July* 1549.

Lady Kers lugeing.

Archbald Spittell protestit for his lauchfull defenssis aganis Elisabeth Levingstoun, lady Kers, in the actioun persewit be hir aganis the said Archbald for passage throw his clos and yaird to hir lugeing beside the Blakfreris.

17 *October* 1549.

Hall, pest.

Findis that James Hall hes failyeit in the furtht putting of clathis and divers stuff furtht of his hous, havand ane woman servand suspect and seik in the pest, and tharfoir decernis him to be punist in his person, and all gudis and fredome to be eschete at the provestis will. And in tyme cuming, ordanis that quha evir have ony persoun seik thai sall warne the provest and

baillies incontinent and keip that persoun be thame selffis that ar seik quhill it be knawin the seiknes, and the remanent of the houshald tobe clois quhill the verite of the seiknes be knawin. Hall, pest.

6 *November* 1549.

George Gairdner, William Finlasoun, Donald Spittell, and Robert Lowdeane, being suorne, apprisit the geir undirwrittin pertening to umquhill Marioun Cragingelt, viz., ane gown of Franche brown begareit the bodeis and slevis with velvot and forbreist to the taill, price four li. x s.; ane gown of wareant champit worset, price four li. x s.; ane kirtill of lyllis worset begareit round about with velvot, price v li.; ane gown of Scottis pyle russet, price fourty tua s.; ane kirtill of Franche brown, price xx s. Geir apprisit.

14 *November* 1549.

Johne Forester ressavit twa silver chandillairis of my lord of Argyllis, weyand thre pund thre unce and halff ane unce, as plege and souirte for maister Johne Campbell, persone of the Ylis; and oblissis him to deliver the samyn agane to my lord or his servandis haveand his command undir his lordshipis hand wryt and delivering fourty li. of money, betuix this and Yuill day nixtocum; and giff the payment cumis nocht betuix this and Yuill the said erll of Argyll is content that the said Johne deliver the saidis chandillairs to the said maister Johne, ressaveand his writing of the ressait of the samyn. Pro domino de Argyll.

2 *December* 1549.

The provest, ballies and counsall, ordanis that na marchand by calff skynnis, gayt skynnis, scaldingis, kyd skynnis, nor wyld leddir, conform to the auld actis. Skynneris.

Ordanis that na skynner by schorlingis, winter skynnis, nor May skynnis, conform to the auld actis, except thay be burgessis and gild broder. Merchandis.

22 *January* 1549-50.

The gudis undirwrittin apprisit be Andro Ros, officier, quhilkis pertenit to wmquhill Alexander Barry, to Alexander Ray and his spous for hous male awing be the said wmquhill Alexander Barry, viz., ane maskin fat, iiij standis, ane barrell, ane ald langsadill, ane ald ark, ane ald compter lid, ane part of ane pres and forme, and iiij ellis of lyningis, prisit all to xliij s.; quhilk he Apprising to Alexander Ray.

Apprising to Alexander Ray.

offerit to ony party that wald ressave the samyn, and becaus nane comperit he assignit thaim to the said Alexander in payment of his hous male.

24 *January* 1549-50.

Statutum pro mercatoribus.

Ordanis that quhat merchand avans ony mony to any fleschour sall pay v li. to the touin and v li. to the Haly Bluid, alswele landwart fleschouris as borrowis.

Protestatio.

William Niddisdale protestit that the fleschouris ma have place to sell thair penny worthis quhair thay best ma.

Fleschouris.

Ordanis all fleschouris, baitht burght and land, to present skyn and taucht to the merket as thay do the flesche or thay sell the samyn.

Statut, skemmillis.

Anent the complaint of the dekin of fleschouris and brethir of craft for stopping of thaim to brek fischis apon the skemlis of the foirgate set to Thomas Norwell to the commoun wele, ordanis in tyme cuming all fleschouris and the takismen of the skemlis tobe fre to brek fischis apon the commoun skemlis, takand for ilk fische breking ane d. tobe pait be the sellair and the gowry of the fische; and ilk fleschour that sall happin to brek ane fische sall pay to the takisman of the skemlis ane half penny for the skemlis.

26 *January* 1549-50.

Striveling, Yong, Hammiltoun, warklumes.

Margaret Hammiltoun, the relict of wmquhill Richart Yong, sald and assignit thir warklumes undirwritten, that is to say, thre gret stedijs, thre lingnettis of irne, item the gret scheris, ane taingis, ane vice turkes, the stule and graitht perteinyn thairto, hand halmeris and small hammeris, filis and borrache, fat stampis, the litill stedijs, with all other small warklumes,—to Hary Striveling, his aris and assignais, for the soum of ellevin pundis usuall mony of Scotland, quhilk scho instantly ressavit and quitclamit and dischargit the said Harry tharof for now and evir; and oblist hir and hir aris, executouris and assignais, to warrand the said warklumes to the said Hary, his aris and assignais, at the handis of Andro Yong, hir son, and all otheris quhom it effaris, for evir, and declarit that neid and mister compellit hir to sell the saidis warklumes to sustene hir and hir said sone.

4 *February* 1549-50.

Corsour, etc.

Hary Striveling and Johne Aickin, goldsmythtis, Johne Alexander, and

George Schaw of Incumry, prisit ane chenyie of gold with sex gret knoppis of gold, weyand thre unce and ane unicorne wecht, ilk unce to aucht pundis; and siclik, tua merket dayis immediat preceding; quhilk chenyie Johne Cragingelt, of that ilk, laid in wad to Sir James Cosour, as he allegit, and Robert Forester, seriand, offerit the samyn to the said Johne Cragingelt and to Archbald Spittale, fra quhom he gat the samyn, for the saidis sowmes, and becaus thai refusit to tak the samyn as it wes prisit the said officiare sald and assignit the samyn to the said Sir James in payment of tuenty crownis of wecht gevin tharupon to the said Johne, and ordanis the said Sir James to pay in the remanis, the prising being dedusit. The said Sir James, of his awin motive, grantit to keip the said chenyie to the saidis Johne and Archbald quhill Pasche nixtocum.

Corsour, Cragingelt Spittale, chenyie of gold.

1544-50.

The deviding of the touin betuix four baillies[1]:—

Deviding of the touin.

The Mary Wynd, Castall Wynd, north part of the Hie-gait:—[Names of 105 persons, of whom 24 are females. 19 names are deleted.]

The hale Bakraw, southt side of the Hie-gait, beginning at Belgebrig, and ane part beneth on the northt side:—[Names of 98 persons, of whom 14 are females. The names include Lady Forester, hir son Jok, Lady Orrok, the nureis, Lady Cragortht.]

The southt quarter fra Belgebrig douin:—[Names of 99 persons, of whom 22 are females. One name deleted.]

The northt quartair fra beneth Belgebrig:—[Names of 103 persons, of whom 9 are females.]

The land burges:—[Names of 19 persons. 5 names deleted.]

The landwart burges:—[Names of 16 persons. 3 names deleted.]

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[1] This list, occupying 4½ pages, is written at the end of volume 1544-50, the book being for that purpose turned up-side down. Beginning on the second-last leaf, it extends to the middle of the fifth page, and at the meeting-point the regular record stops, thus showing that the list was made up within the period embraced in the volume. The deletions are probably meant to indicate deaths or removals, while new names would be added from time to time. If this be the case, the numbers in the four divisions at the last revisal would be:—Mary Wynd, etc., 86; Bakraw, etc., 98; South quarter, 98; North quarter, 103. Total, 385.

[*Records awanting from* 26*th February*, 1549-50, *to* 24*th July*, 1554.]

5 *July* 1552.[1]

Commoun bukis.

Deliverit be Johene Graheme of Baldorrane, commoun clerk of the burght of Striveling, to Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, provest of Striveling, thir commoun bukis undir writin, and put be hym in the thesaure hous, in presens of Archbald Spittale, bailyie, Robert Cousland, maister of werk, Johne Haistie, dekin of tailyouris.

In primis, ane buke beginnand of the dait j^{m} iiij^{c} xliiij yeris indurand to lv yeris.

Item, ane othir buke beginnand in the yeir of God j^{m} iiij^{c} and fiftie viij yeris indurand to iiij^{xx} xvj yeris.

Item, the third buke beginnand the dait j^{m} v^{c} yeris and induris to v^{c} and vj yeris.

The fourt buke beginnand the sam dait and induris to v^{c} and xij yeris.

The fift buke beginnand in the yeir etc., v^{c} and xiij yeris and induris to xix yeris.

The sext buke beginnand in the sam dait and induris to v^{c} and xxx yeris.

The sevint buke beginnand, etc., v^{c} xxxvij yeris and induris to v^{c} xliiij yeris.

The viij buke, this present buke, beginnand in the sam dait induris to v^{c} xlix yeris.

Item, ane buke callit the Reid Buke contenand sum comptis and settis.

Item, I the said Johne Graheme, clerk foirsaid, hes the register buke of the few landis and sesingis of the townis in my awin handis nocht yit compleit, for the quhilk I sall ansuer. Subscrivit with my hand, yeir, day, and place, forsaid. J. Graheme; John Cragingelt of that ilk, prowest.

3 *December* 1554.

Mail of a study.

James Thomsone comperit and grantit that he hes ane study of irne pertening to the chapellane of the Trinitie altar, and the saidis jugis decernit the

[1] The statement here given as to delivery of books is written on what had been left a blank page at the end of volume 1544-50. Of the eight volumes of records then in existence, and continuing in an almost unbroken series from 1444 to 1550, only two volumes, those of 1519-30 and 1544-49/50, can now be found. The "Reid Buke" and "register buke of the few landis and sesingis" have also disappeared.

said James to content and pay to Sir Alexander Cristesone, as chapellane of the said altar, x s. for the maill of the said study for all termes bigane, to be payit betuix and Candilmes nyxtocum. Mail of a study.

19 *December* 1554.

Anent the summondis persewit be James Watsoun, thesaurar of the burght of Striveling, aganis William Bell, thesaurar of the said burgh, beginnand at the fest of Mertimes the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xl sex yeiris and ending in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xl sevin yeiris, intromettar with the property and casuality pertening to the community of the said burgh in commounty of the samyn yeir, and siclyk intromettar with the contributionis grantit be the haill community of the samyn burgh to thair commoun besines and for furth setting of thair commoun besines and woltht, and with all contributionis and soumes of money grantit and gevin be the Quenis grace deworiar of Scotland and uder noble lordis, spirituall and temporall, baronis and gentilmen in thair degreis, for beilding, strynthing and upmaking of the wallis of the said burgh, as is particularly contenit in the said William charge apone the fuit of his comptis and in ane buik subscrivit be the Quenis grace foirsaid, lordis, baronis and uder gentilmen as said is, ilk ane for thair awin pairt, as the samyn in the self beiris, extending in the haill to tua thousand aucht libris fyf schillingis fyf d., the said William comptis being maid and hard be certane auditouris, comburgessis of the said burgh, chosin and admittit tharto, he restis awing apone the fute of his saidis comptis to the community foirsaid the sowme of thre hundreth lix li. xix s. x d., as at mair lynth is contenit in the said summondis . . . the saidis provest and bailleis decernis, decretis and ordanis, the said William to content and pay to the said James Watsone, thesaurar forsaid, the said soum . . . Decretum burgi contra Bell, thesaurar.

14 *January* 1554-5.

It is fund be the inqueist that thair is greit extorsiounis in the takin of the gait dychtingis, quhairthrow thair cumis littill stuff to the gait to sell, and the mwrmour is greit amang the pepill herof, quharfor thai decernis and ordinis the provest, bailyeis and counsall, to put ane ordour to all gait dychtingis, and ane mesour for ilk stufe be the self, that it be kepit in tymes cuming, and the failyearis to be pwnist be rigour. Pro communitate, gait dichtingis.

16 *January* 1554-5.

Pro communitate; de Spittale.

Conwenit in the counsallhous of the brucht of Striveling, Henry Levingstoun of Falkyrk, provest of Striveling, [bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] and concludit and decernit, all in ane voce, that the provest and baillies sall persew the letteres rasit at thair instance aganis William Bell for productioun off his infeftment of the landis of Spittall befor the lordis of consall, and forthar for the ground rycht tharof and proffitis of the samyn safar as may pertene to the town justlie, ay and quhill the triakle of the treutht tharof may be had, bayth for the commoun wele of the town and the said Williamis singlar wele, in sic maner that gif he haif just rycht thairto, and swa being funding, that he may bruik the samyn peceablie without pley, and gyf the town hes the just rycht thairof and recoweris the samyn that thai may inlikmaner use the samyn as thair awin peceablie according to justyce, and consentis that thair commoun gudis be dewlie and accordinly spendit thairon; and gyf the samyn happinnis to be superexpendit to support ressonablie be generall contributionis of thair awin gudis accordinly as thai sall happin to appont for the tyme gyf neid beis. In witnes off the quhilk thing, thai haif subscrivit thir presentis with thair handis that can subscryve, and the utheris with thair handis tueching the notaris pen. [Follow twenty-four subscriptions, nine of them by a notary.]

18 *January* 1554-5.

Hamiltoun, our Lady altar.

Comperit Sir Johne Hamyltoun, chapellane of our Lady alter, *de novo fundato,* and desyrit his annuallis pertening to the saidis alter, and the annualleris desyrit to haif ane warrand, and the provest and baillies ansuerand thairto ratifijs and appreffis the gyft giffin to the said Sir Johne of befor of the said alter, and sall warrand the samyn to the said Sir Johne, and siclik sall warrand the saidis annuallaris insafar as thai delyver to the said Sir Johne, and thairfor ordinis the saidis annuallaris to pay the samyn to him. And siclik sall warrand Sir Alexander Fargy, collectour pertening to the said alter, insafer as he or thai delyveris to the said Sir Johne.

30 *May* 1555.

[Settlement with William Bell as to Spittal, etc.]

At Edinburght and Leitht, the pennult day of Maij the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and fifty fyfe yeris, we, Henry Levingstone of Falkyrk, provest of Striveling, James Watsone, thesaurer of the brught of Striveling, twa of the abitratouris

and amicable compositouris chosin for the counsall and commonitie of the said brucht, on that ane part, and Johne Cragingelt of that ilk and Robert Forester, younger, ane of the baillies of the said brucht, twa of the arbitratouris and amicable compositouris chosin for William Bell, on that uthir part, anent the said Williamis rycht and entres to the common landis of the said brucht callit the Spettall and anent iij^{c} iij^{xx} li. of the rest of the futt of the said Williamis comptis awing to the said counsall and communite, and anent all uthir debatis betuix the saidis parteis to this day, we being ryplie avisit, takand consultationes and avismentis fra the begynning, allegeances and rychtis of baith the saidis parteis being hard, thair writtis and defenssis producit, hes convenit and agreit as efter followis in this manir, that is to say, we the saidis personis chosin for the counsall and communite decretis and ordinis the said William Bell to resing purlie and semplie the Brighaucht, with the pertinentis, in the townis handis *ad perpetuam remanentiam*, saiffand to him his fermes of this crope now sawin on the ground alanerlie, and sall mak ane new infeftment of the remanent town and landis of Spittall haldin of the town of Striveling, with restrictionis conform to the remanent few landis of the said town, and sall pay yeirly thairfor the sowm of twenty merkis Scottis mony at twa termes in the yeir, Witsonday and Mertymes in wintir, with the double of the few at the entres of evirilk air, with service of brucht usit and wont allanerlie. And we the saidis persones chosin for the said William decretis and ordinis inlikmaner as abone writtin, except allanerlie that we ordane him to pay for the saidis landis yeirlie the sowme of ten li. And becaus we are all agreit [upon the other points, the amount of the yearly feu-duty was referred to the town council's decision]. And this being done dischargis the said William of the said rest of the futt of his comptis and all utheris comptis and chargeis bygane . . . And anent his charge in his comptis of contributionis of gentill men that he allegis he hes nocht gottin, we ordane the samyn to pertene to the said William and the town to mak him thair powar to persew the samyn with all rycht [or] titill of rycht that thai haif tharto. [The provost, bailies and council, fixed the annual payment for the lands belonging to William Bell at £13 6s. 8d.]

[Settlement with William Bell as to Spittal, etc.]

9 *September* 1555.

Johne Burn being indittit for the thiftuis steling and conseling of ane brown meir, pertening to Marioun Dik, furtht of Capildra within the sheref-

Curia justiciarie.

Curia justiciarie, Suspensio, Burn.

dom of Fyfe, on the vij day of September, to the takin he brocht the samyn to the fair of Striveling to sell and wes tane ryd hand thairwith and his gartane in hir heid, and wes put to schaw: The said assis convictit him of the samyn becaus he confessit the samyn, and thairfor he was adiugit to be tane to the gallous and hangit quhill he wer deid, and dome thairof giffin be Adam Cristison, dempstar.

Banist.

George Muncrife, James Wilsoun, Bernard Bertan, Nicoll Ore, and Maddy Bathelem, thai and ilk ane of tham being inditit for the thyftuis steling and conseling of ane wob of cammes fra Johne Makdikim, on the viij day of September, and of commoun pykry, the said assis culd nocht acquyt tham of commoun pykry becaus thai wer all convenit in umquhill Robart Templitonis hous; and the saidis Bernard Bertane, Nicoll Ore and Maddy Bathelem, banist the town of befor, and than tane ryd hand with the said cammes, and thairfor it wes adiugit that ane lug salbe tane fra ilk ane of the men and the said Maddyis cheik brwnt with the burning irn, and dome thairof giffin be Adam Crystisoun, dempstar; and thairefter the saidis personis banist the town and schyre of Striveling, onder the pane of hanging, in all tymis cuming.

14 *October* 1555.

Lippir.

It is fund that Gillianis wyfe is lippir.

Scab.

It is fund that Thomas Bwy hes twa hors that hes stranglon that ar infeccatife.

21 *October* 1555.

Cowane, dene of gild.

Johne Cowane allegeit the dene of gild chosin by[1] actis of parliament becaus the craftismen bredir of gild wes nocht at the chesing of the samyn.

November 1555.

Jonet Mwrray, burges and gild.

Jonat Mwrray, eldar, and Jonat Mwrray, youngar, enterit aris to umquhill James Morray, thair fadir; and Jonat Mwrray, elder, enterit in hir faderis fredom of burges and gild, and payit xxvj d. ob., wax and wyne, and hes sworn.

9 *November* 1555.

Letter from magistrates of Perth; craftsmen.

My lord prowest. Efter maist hertle commendatioun: Forsamekill ples that thair is nowation ryssin betuix ws and the craftismen of our town, as we trest ye knaw, and the Quenis grace is to be in our town this Thysday the

[1] "Chosin by," *i.e.*, not chosen conform to.

xj day of November to put reformatioune as hir grace pleissis thairin; quhairfor, sen it standis for ane commone weill, that it will ples yow to be here that day for to fortife the lyberte of borrowis, as ye aucht and suld defend the samyn, conforme to the actkis maid amangis borrowis quhen ony burght is hurt in thair priwelege that the remanent sall concour and defend the samyn with thair body and gudis as law will[1]; thairfor prayand your lordship to be here, as we dowt nocht but ye will, for to mein and [ass] yst and debait the samyn, to ewaid that it sall nocht be ane preparatyf to yow and ws and all uthir borrowis in tymis cuming. Nocht elles bot God conserf your lordship. At Pertht, the ix day of November; be your [subscribed:] Baillyeis and consall off Pertht. [Addressed on back:—] The prouest, bailyeis and counsall of Striviline.

Letter from magistrates of Perth; craftsmen.

2 *December* 1555.

The gait dychtingis, efter the deceis of Johne Coutis, master masoun, sett to David Tennend, for fourty four li. . . with provisioun that the usaris of the samyn handile the samyn with discretioun conform to use and wont.

Gait dichtingis; deceis of Coutis, master masoun.

9 *December* 1555.

Anent the supplicatioun giffin in be Johne Cragingelt of that ilk anent the complant maid be the Quenis grace upoun him, upoun the behalf of James Watsoun and William Noruell, burgessis of Striveling, that quhair, sen thai wer acquyt be ane assis of mutulatioun of the lard of Cragingelt, certane of the saidis lardis freindis and servandis had bostit and mannissit tham in sic manir as thai dar nocht for feir of thair liffis cwm furtht of thair awin houssis to do thair leifull besynes within the town of Striveling forsaid, as at mair lentht is contenit in the said supplicatioun and Quenis grace writtin derect to my lord Erskin tharupoun, desyrand the baillies present for the tym to put him to the knawlege of ane inquist of nychtbouris or to ward [of] thair court gyf he or ony of his freindis or servandis hes offendit the complenaris in maner forsaid sen thai sufferit ane assis as said is; the saidis baillies, takand ward of court, declarit that thai hard na complant tharof to this present and knew na uthir; and thairefter the saidis baillies send for the saidis James Watsoun and

Complaint against Cragingelt.

[1] An act of the convention of royal burghs, dated 18th September, 1555, seems to be referred to here. In connection with the disputes between the town council and craftsmen to which the letter from Perth refers, see footnote, p. 66.

Complaint against Cragingelt.

William Noruell, quhay comperand personalie declarit in jugement that thai had na caus of complant in deid sen the suffering of the said assis.

18 *December* 1555.

Counsall.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that gyf ony of the counsall, being chargit or sumond personaly the nycht befor, compeiris nocht at the hour assignit to tham, that the persoun absent sall pay incontinent ij s. and pwndit thairfor without delay.

Makke, laris.

William Makke admittit be the counsall in the uptaking and laying of laris in the kyrk in tymis cuming for xij d. the thrucht, and viij d. the payment, with this restrictionis that incontinent quhen the graf is sattillit that incontinent the samyn laris be laid agane, and siclik that he brek nocht the stanis, and gif ony brek in his defalt that the samyn be mendit in his expens.

Kyrk; appoyntment with lord Dunfermeling.

It is ordinit be the counsall that Alexander Watsoun, thesaurer, and James Robesoun, baillie, pas to Lythqw, and admittit commisaris to compeir befor my lord off Sanctandrois to complene and obtene letteres as efferis upoun the erectioun of the kyrk and apointment betuix my lord Dunfermeling and the town, on the townis expens.

20 *January* 1555-6.

Baxter, dekynnis, visitouris.

Comperit Johne Allane, baxter, and protestit that he be nocht compellit to ansuer to ony dekynnis in tymes cuming bot allanerly to the provest and baillies. Comperit Alexander Brown, in name and behalf of the hale visitours of the brucht of Striveling, and allegeit that Johen Allan submittit him at the sycht of the saidis visitouris and wes sworn tharto and offeris them to pref the samyn and that he suld byd tharat tueching the complant betuix him and William Dorrocht.[1]

10 *February* 1555-6.

For the mercat.

It is concludit be the counsall that na maner of sekis with ony maner of

[1] By an act of parliament, passed in June, 1555, it was ordained that from thenceforth no deacons of crafts should be elected within burghs, but that in their stead visitors of crafts should be elected by town councils, and other restrictions were also imposed. The act caused much contention between merchants and tradesmen, and to allay the dissatisfaction, the Queen, by letters under her great seal, dated at Stirling, 16th April, 1556, restored the former privileges of craftsmen, including the right of electing deacons.

victallis be oppin in tymis cuming quhill ten houris befor nwn, ondir the pane of confiscatione of the sek that be fund oppin befor the said hour. For the mercat.

2 *March* 1555-6.

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies, counsall and communite, that the officiaris sall pwnd upone all decreitis, confessit dettis or actis, and mak the party payment of the sowm contenit in the samyn, within twenty day nixt efter the ressait of the said precept, act or decreit, ondir the pane of payment of the samyn of thair awin geir. Act for the officiaris.

10 *March* 1555-6.

It is fund be the provest, baillies and counsall, that Jonat Donaldsone, the spous of Alexander Galloway, is ane woman of evill conditionis and nocht lauchfull to by nor sell with, nothir of hir husbandis geir nor nane utheris; and thairfor thai inhibit, be thir presentis, all and syndry thair nychtbouris and inhabitantes of the brucht of Striveling that nane of tham tak upone hand to by, sell or tak in wod, ony manir of geir with hir, ondir the pane of escheiting of the geir bocht, sauld or laid in wod, and calling and persewing of tham for the intrometting with the said geir unlauchfully. Galloway; woman of evill conditionis.

13 *March* 1555-6.

Johne Grahame, sone to Margret Muirheid, being apprehendit for the handling of ane Francheman bag, be command of the Quenis, is despescheit furtht of hir grace compering be the space of ane yeir without ane speciall licens of hir grace, or ellis with ane master quhay will ansuer for him, undir the pane of detht. Graham, Francheman bag.

7 *July* 1556.

It is fund be the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, that Jonat Donaldsone is ane woman of evill conditionis and hes committit syndry pykrijs sen the date of hir acting, throw the quhilkis it may be ane caus to accuse hir said spous of his lyfe, he nocht knawing the committing of the samyn, the quhilkis the said Jonat confessit oppinly; and tharfor the said Jonat compeirand personale, for reformatioun of the premisis, geif hir greit aitht, the evangellis tuechit, outwitht the presens of hir said spous, and of hir awin motife will uncompellit or coactit, become actitat and oblist in this manir;—that scho sall foirbeir and desist fra ony entres of hir said spoussis mercheand Woman of evil conditionis.

Woman of evil conditionis.

butht for the space of ane yeir and day and forthir during his will; secundly, gyf evir the said Jonat committis (as God forbid) ony crymes, sic as thyft or pykry, othir fra the said Alexander hir spous, or layis ony thing in wod, by his consent, or fra ony uthir persone or personis quhatsumevir, or brekis wilfully or fraudfully ony lokis within the said Alexanderis place, or ony uthir places, quhilk may redound to his schaheme and skayth, the samyn or athir of thir crymes being kend and judicialy proffin, in that cace the said Jonat incontynent thaireftir fyrst sall dispesche hir of the said Alexanderis hous and buthtis and all that he hes entres to and salbe contentit to be partit of bed and burd for all the dayis of thair lyftym, and sall at the samyn tym renunce all coniunct fe and sesingis and uthir titill scho hes of the said Alexanderis land or uthir geir quhatsumevir; and last of all, is contentit to be banist the town of Striveling for evir, the saidis crymes being kend and proffin as said is.

7 *September* 1556.

For the Rud brod.

It is thocht expedient be the provest, baillies and counsall, that quhatsumevir persone being charget to gaddir with the Rud brod, in the nycht preceding, that he that refusis and gadderis nocht that he sall pay of his awin purs als mykle as the samyn gyffis on Sonday nixt preceding or Sonday nixt following.

17 *September* 1556.

[Letter from Queen Regent as to election of provost.]

Bailyeis and counsale of the burgh of Striveling, we grete yow wele. Forsamekle as it is nocht unknawin to yow quhow [be] the electing and chesing of owtlandis men to be your provest thair hes bene gret cummeres and truble thairthrow in your said burgh, lyik as wes be occasioun thairof betuix Henry Lewingstoun and the lard of Cragingelt, and now as we ar informit thair is craftismen and certane utheris within the said burgh quhilkis lawboris to haif sum grete man to landwarte electit and chosin provest at this feist of Michalmes approcheand, and thairthrow to bring gretare trublis in the toun nor evir wes of befoir; for eschewing of the quhilkis, it is our will and we charge yow that ye cheis ane of your awin honest nychtbouris conforme to the act of parliament, and that on na wiss ye cheis ony of the partijs foirsaidis, nor nane utheris part takaris of the feid nor throw quham ony occasioun of truble may cum, as ye will ansuer to ws thairupoun. Subscrivit with our hand, at Banf, the xvij day of September the year of God j^{m} v^{c} lvj yeiris.

MARIE, R. (Seal)

25 *September* 1556.

Sir James Nicolsoun, chepellane of Sant Katherenis altar within the paroche kyrk of Striveling, hes resingnit, purly and semplie, be delyverance of buik, all and haill the said altarage with the pertinentis, in the said provestis handis, in favouris of Sir Andro Hagy, reservand to the said Sir James his lyfrent of the hous within the said brucht that he biggit him self, and the by run proffittis for the dayis of his lyf, the said Sir Andro doand thairfor conform to the fundatioun of the said alter in all punctis. Chaplain of St. Katherenis alter.

In presens of provest, baillies and counsall, protestit Walter Cowsland, in name and behalf of the haill mercheandis, that na electioun of provestis be vottit this day without thai be als mony mercheandis as craftismen, conform to auld use and wont. Merchandis.

The samyn day, protestit William Dorrocht, in name of the craftismen, that na mercheandis haif voitting in the chesing of the officiaris bot allanerly samony as wes admittit in the counsall chosin at Michaelmes last wes. Craftismen.

Duncan Forester comperit and producit ane wryttin of the Quenis grace, undir the sing and subscriptioun, anent the chesing of the the provest and ballies as is contenit thairin, upoun the productioun of the quhilk he askit act and instrument. For chesing of the provest.

5 *October* 1556.

Robertus Forester de Calyemwk electus est in prepepositum pro presenti anno, et juravit more solito pro administratione justicie. Electio prepositi.

Protestit Robert Bruce of Auchinbowy that gyf he hes neglectit ony thingis in tym of his office, and hes nocht intromettit with the thing that he suld intromettit with, that he may haif tym and place to uptak the samyn now, lik as he mycht done the samyn in tym of his office. Bruce of Auchinbowy.

9 *October* 1556.

It is statut and ordinit be the haill counsall that quhatsumevir of the persone or personis of the counsall, being warnit to ane hour to compeir, he being personaly apprehendit, that gyf he failycis the hour sett that in that cace he sall pay ij s. without ony forgiffance or evir he be hard to speik, without he purches leif. Statutis, council.

Item, it is statut and ordinit that all the personis off the said counsall heill and conseill the articulis or punctis specifyt in the counsall, and gif ony per-

Statutis, council.

soun failyeis and beis notit thairwith that in that cace thai sall be depryvit of the counsall in all tymis cuming and nevir be hard tharintill agane.

Commissioner to Edinburgh.

The counsall consentis that William Norvell pas to Edinburgh as commissar for reformatioun of the taxt, and sall haif vj s. viij d. ilk day.

12 *October* 1556.

Haly blud alter, ornamentis.

It is concludit be the counsall that the annuallis of Witsonday and Mertymes of the Hally blud alter be gadderit be the dene of gild and put in ane purs togiddir, to be debursit at the sycht of the counsall for ornamentis to be maid.

Chaplain of Rud alter.

It is concludit be the counsall that Sir Johne Stoddart haif the Rude alter, be the dimissioun of Sir Alexander Aikin, last chapellane thairof, and William Smart souerty that the said Sir Johne sall study continualie quhill he be cunnand in prikat sang, and thairfor ordinis the said Sir Johne be presentit to the samyn; and the said Sir Johne sall mak service conform to the fundatioun.

Hallyblud alter.

It is concludit that Sir Alexander Aikin haif the Hallyblud alter now vakcand in the townis handis be deceis of Sir Johne Aikin, oblissand to serve conform to the fundatioun for dewiteis conform as Sir Johne Aikin gat of befor.

Chapellanis, annualis.

For the quhilkis, the provest and baillies and counsall sall fortife the saidis chapellanis in the ingetting of thair annualis contenit in thair fundatioun.

11 *January* 1556-7.

For the fleshous.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes thocht expedient that the fleshous be begwn and foundit and that the thesaurer furnis the masteris of werk as may be sparit thairto; and thairfor commandis and ordinis the thesaurar to furnis thairto, quilk salbe allowit in his comptis.

29 *January* 1556-7.

Wobstaris, Wobstair sued for walx.

Anent the pound of walx persewit be the dekin of the wobstaris aganis Johne Wobstair, comperit the said Johne and grant the said act, with this conditioun, that he hes bene in use to mak his awin torche and byrn the samyn in the kyrk in the jukscheing in Ywle and thairefter to tak the samyn with him to his awin hous at his plesour quhen it misterit, and offeris him to preif the samyn, and the jugeis assignis thairto the fyft day of Februar.

15 *March* 1556-7.

We, be the tenour heirof, mackis and constitutis our lovittis, the provest and baillies of Striveling, our justice in this pairt, alanerlie, for punising of Gilbert Colterar, apprehendit reid hand with ane stollin meir, according to the lawis of this realme, ane justice court to hald and ministeris thairof to creat, and generalie all and sindrie other thingis to do that thairto pertenis. Subscrivit with our hand, at Striveling Castell, the xv day of Merche, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and lvj yeris.—MARIE, R. [Authority by Queen to hold justice court. *From original.*]

Gilbert Colterar, being accusit for the thiftuis steling and conseling of ane meir fra Johne Flyming, and xj silver spwnis fra Johne Sympsoun, the said assis convictis him tharin, and he adiugit to be tane to gallows and hangit quhill he be deid. Suspensio Colterar.

9 *April* 1557.

It is agreit betuix master William Gullein, master of the grammer scule, on that ane part, and David Elles on that uthir part, in presens of the counsall, that it sall nocht be leswm to the said David Elles to teche and leir ony barnis abon sax yeris with[out] licens of the said master, except tham that leris to reid and wryt and lay compt. Master of scule.

19 *April* 1557.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that quhatevir persone within this brucht disobey ony charge giffin be ony officiar to tham, or brek ony statutis maid and commandit thame in the hous or without the hous, that the contempnar and dissobear sall pay for the fyrst falt fyfe li., thairof the twa part to be applyit to the provest and the remanent thrid part to the baillies, and for the secund falt thai sall tyn thair fredome; and in speciale anent the wyne sellaris. And siclyk, that na pryces be rasit upon wyne without speciall licens of the provest and baillies, onder the pane of xl s. Statut for wynsellaris.

[*Records awanting from* 18*th June*, 1557, *to* 1*st April*, 1560.]

1 *April* 1560.

It is statut and ordanit that all salmond be brokin throw uthir, cheyn and all togidder, and the sellar to pay ane penny allanerly, undir the pane of escheting of the fische that beis apprehendit. Pro communitate statut, salmond.

28 *April* 1560.

Arschip pertening John Smart.

Alexander Brown [obliged himself] that the arschip gudis and geir pertening to Johne Smart, ondirwrittin, salbe furthcumand to the said Johne at his perfyt age, or failyeing of uthir geir to pay the samyn insafer as it reikis to the creditouris that thair be awing as after followis, that is to say, ane quhinger, ane purs, ane culvering, ane horn, ane suerd, ane buklar, ane jedward staf, ane knapska with the covering, ane pair of quhyt hois, ane blak dowblat, ane kensy coit, ane bonat, ane bonat cais, ane furrit gown, ane kense cloke, ane tangis, ane speit, ane elerwk, ane pair of pot bwlis, ane mykle pot, ane les pot, ane tyn pynt, chopin, ane toicht, ane blak bonat, ane trunceor, ane luggit dische, ane saltfat, ane tryn quart, ane tryn pynt, ane maskin falt, ane gyle fat, ane wecht stand, ane aill barrell, ane boating clayth, ane lavand tub, ane berm pynt, ane meit burd, ane ferm, ane compter almery, ane chyre, ane kyst, ane stand bed, ane pair of scheitis, ane covering, ane cod, ane chandillar, ane spynning quheill, ane pair of cardis, ane quheill spindill, ane wesching tub, ane lagallon, ane flesche fat, ane breid almery, ane twn, ane burd clayth, ane bed, ane bowster, ane pewdir plait, ane pair of crelis, ane mwksled, ane hand towall, ane serviat, ane langsadill, ane pair of playdis, ane pair of treist feit.

20 *May* 1560.

For the Brighauch.

It is statut and ordinit be the counsall of the brucht that na maner of persoun within this brucht put ony bestiall or gudis within the Brighaucht bot thai that ar nychtbouris allanerly, and that na nychtbour put in ony sownis bot ane, quhilk salbe his awin propir gudis allanerly, and gif ony puttis ony may gudis, or utheris persounis gudis upoun thair name, that the samyn be poindit and pay xij d. for ilk fute; and to this effect thair is namit Archibald Smytht, Alexander Robesoun, Andro Carnis and Johne Hill, pundlaris, quhay sall haif the gudis pundit to thair proffit for thair travell.

31 *May* 1560.

Brighaucht.

It is statutit and ordainit that na nychtbour put ony sowin on to the Brighaucht ondir the pane of escheitting thairof.

28 *June* 1560.

Myrton, Gardinar.

Ordinis Sir William Myrton to foirbeir George Gardineris gait and

quhen he seis him on that ane syde of the gait to foirbeir that and pas to the uthir syde, and alwayis to hald fra his gait. Myrton, Gardinar.

8 *July* 1560.

Protestit James Oswald that he may haif place to say aganis the breif persewit be Johne Bethok insafer his cleme hurtis ony part of the fundatioun of Sant Mychellis fundatioun; and the said John Bethok allegit him to haif na place to protest insafer as he hes nocht as yit recantit his auld traditiounis. Bethok, etc., St. Mychellis fundatioun; auld traditiounis.

Johne Forester, thesaurer of the brucht of Striveling, protestit in name and behalf of the said brucht that na service maid or to be maid this day anent the breif persewit be Johne Bethok as nerrest and lauchfull air to umquhill Sir Robert Bethok, his fadir brodir, prejuge the town nor the rycht thairof, bot protestis that the baillies se quhair the said umquhill Sir Robert was burges of this burgh. Protestatio pro communitate.

23 *August* 1560.

James Robertsoun, burges of Striveling, allegiand hym to haiff ane titill of the vicare of Striveling to intromet with the teind schaves of the kirk of Striveling, hes oblist hym, of his awin confessioun, to keip the saidis teind schaves in his awin hand quhill the prowest, ballies and consall, conclude quhow the samyn salbe usit and disponit; and thairfoir the ballies ordanis the said James to be ansuerit of the saide schaves be the occupiaris of the landis pertenyng to the said kirk. Pro communitate, kirk.

11 *October* 1560.

Robert Cowsland comperit in jugement, in presens of the provest and baillies, and thair offerit payment to Alexander Hog for payment of certane meill bocht be him fra the said Alexander, and to that effect producit ane leddorone wallat with gold, silver tua s. peces, plakis, babeis, hardheidis, and sic uthir usuall money, and the said Alexander refusit to resaif ony Inglis money, and thairfor the said Robert protestit that he be nocht compellit to ansuer ony uthir money nor he gat for the said meill becaus the said money is nocht dischargit. Cowsland, Hog, Inglis money.

12 *October* 1560.

This is the geir in James Reddochtis hous the tym of William Norrvellis intromissioun tharwith in presens of Johne Lecheman, baillie:—Item, in primis, in the hall, ane compter burd, ane form, ane meit almery, ane dressing stule; item, in the myd chalmer, ane standard beid, ane pres; item, in the Geir.

Geir.

foir chalmer, thre standand beddis, ane kist, ane form, ane littill irn chimnay; item, in the over chalmer, thre standand beddis, and tua of thame but boddwmes.

14 *October* 1560.

Reiding of commoun prayeris.

The counsall hes concludit that Thomas Duncansone be payitt of the sowme of fowrtye merkis moneye in the yeir, quartarly, for the reiding of the commoun prayeris, and that aye and quhill ordour be put thairto be the lordis, and for the service bygane sen the fest of Peaxe last bypast; provyding that the said Thomas saye and reid the prayeris ilk wark day anes in the day, and twys on the Saboath, and oftir gif he be requyrit, and thairfore ordanis the thesawrar to paye the samyn quartarly as said is.

Heirship gudis and geir.

We, William Darrocht and Thomas Kar, burgessis of Striveling, ourmen left in the testament maid be umquhill Duncan Kar, burges of the said brucht, in and to the gudis and geir pertening to Johne Kar, sone and air of the said umquhill Duncan, and James Kar and Jonat Kar, barnis gottin betuix him and Jonat Galloway, his fyrst spous, grantis us to haif resawit fra Barbara Narn, relict of the said umquhill Duncan, the sowmes of money, gold, arschip gudis and geir, pertening to the said Johne as air to his said umquhill fadir, that is to say, ane rosnoble, ane coit, ane pair of blew hois, ane bonat, ane quhinger, ane clok, ane dowblat, ane suerd, ane sadill, ane feddir bed, ane bowster, ane pair of scheitis, ane cod, ane pair of dowble blancattis, ane greit pot, ane les pote, ane pan, ane plait, ane pewdir dische, ane chandillar, ane trencheour, ane salt fat, ane quart, ane pynt of tyn, ane compter, ane almery, ane chimnay with raxis, ane tangis, ane speit, ane langsadill, ane ferm, ane chyre, ane spynning quheill, ane pair of camis, ane pair of cardis, ane ladill, ane pair of pot bowlis, ane hart horn, ane silver spone weyand (*blank*), ane kyst, ane tub, ane flesche fat, ane barrel, ane standand bed, ane weschell bynk, ane silver bell weyand (*blank*), ane breuing caldron, ane burdclayth, ane schreyn, ane wair almery, ane pair of saip ballandis with ane half pund wecht, ane quarter pund wecht and ij unce wecht of bras, being in the buitht. And als we grant us to haif resavit fra the said Barbara the sowmes of money, gold, gudis and geir, as eftir followis, pertening to the said James and Jonat Karis be ressoun of thair said umquhill faderis deceis, viz., thair awin part, and the deidis part, quhilk extendis to the ane half throw all the hous, that is to say, thretty tua crownis of the sone, sax pistolat crownis,

thre crownis of the rois, thre abay crownis, thre crosay dukcatis, thre angel-nobelis in quhyt silver, comptand fourty s. for ilk pece, tuenty sevin testanis, thretty dowglas grottis, nyne barrit grottis, four unce and half unce of xij and xiiij d. grottis, and of quhyt silver thre li. xj s.; and for the half of the skynnis contenand tuenty score and ten skynnis, the sowm of xlvij li.; and for the ane half of sax daker and sevin hydis, the sowm of tuenty four li. xv s.; and for thair half of the wobbis, the sowm of thretty ane li. iij s. vj d.; and for thair half of xiiij^{xx} sowssis the sowm of thre li. x s.; and for thair half of fyfe unces thre quartaris ane grot wecht of brokin silver, the sowm of fifty tua s. vij d. ob.; togidder with four plaittis, tua compter saittis, tua luggit dischis, tua threncheouris of tyn, ane chandillar, tua pottis, ane pan, ane feddir bed, ane bowster, thre coddis, thre pair of scheitis, tua coveringis, ane silver spone weyand (*blank*), ane standand bed, ane schryne but the lid, and xvj s. of silver for thair part of the compter in the chalmer, and als for thair pairt of the geir being in the buitht, the sowm of fowrty nyne li. and x s.; and for thair part of the last pak that come furtht of Danskin the sowm of fyfe li. vij s. iij d., for half schip pund irn, half barrell irn, and tua Scottis stanis lynt. The quhilkis sowmis of money, gold, silver, arschip gudis and geir, insprecht and utheris abon writtin, we oblis us conjunctlie and severalie, our airis, executouris and assignais, to put to proffit to the saidis barnis, ilk ane efferand to thair awin part, with all expeditioun; and that the samin, or the avale tharof as thay salbe rowpit or prysit, togidder with the profit tharof, to redound to the saidis barnis. . . .

Heirship gudis and geir.

21 *October* 1560.

Elen Maknellen enterit to the fredoum of Johen Maknellen, hir broder, burges and gild, and sall pay xxvj d. ob.; plege, Robert Cowsland. And siclik, it was fund be ward of court that the said Elen and Kathrene Maknellen salbe cognoscit to all and syndry the landis and anuall rentis in the quhilkis thair umquhill brodir deit last vestit and sesit within this brucht.

Elen Maknellan, burges and gild.

31 *October* 1560.

The provest, baillies and counsell, hes assignit, and be thir presentis assingis, to Johne Duncansone, mynister, that luggion and houss quhilk pertenis to this bruicht and wes occupijt befor be master Alexander Chalmer, to

For the minister.

For the minister.

be bruikit, joisit, occupijt and usit, be the said Johne Duncansone for using his service, yeirly and ilk yeir during the townis will.

11 *November* 1560.

Pro communitate.

It is statut and ordanit that na stanis nor tymmer pertening to the touin [be taken] without advis of the counsall, and giff ony dois in the contrair the samyn salbe reput and haldin as spoilyie.

22 *November* 1560.

Rouping at mercat croce.

Eftir the rowping and apprising, at the mercat croce, thre mercat dayis preceiding, of ane buik callit *Explicatio Cathesismi* rowpit to viij s., ane sweird to xiiij s., ane dowblet of quheit canves stikit with blak silk, viiij s. iiij d., ane coit of Frensche gray to vj s. iiij d., allegit to pertene to James Lyndesay in Danskyn and allegit be Johne Strachy, merscheand in Striviling, in quhais possessioun the samin remanis now, to have bene deliverit to him in plege of ane crowne of the sowne and foure grossis; and eftir be oppin proclamatioun of the samin be the said thre mercat dayis thair wes na mair biddin for the said geir, the samin being present at the croce, except onlie the pricis abonewrittin, quhairupon the said Johne Strachy tuke witnes of the provest and baillies of the burgh of Striviling and actis and instrumentis of me notar undirwrittir and clerk of the burgh foirsaid.

2 *December* 1560.

[Forfeited property gifted by King and Queen.]

Maister Nycoll Robesone producit ane instrument of seising of ane pece yaird with the pertinentis lyand within the burght of Striviling, betuix the said maister Nycollis yaird on the eist pairtt and the auld Grayfreris yaird on the west pairt, the commone wall of the town on the south pairt; quhilk pece yaird pertenit to umquhile Robert Makcleiry, and come in our Soverane Loird and Ladeis handis be his tressonable passing in Ingland in tyme of weir and thair remanand aganis the lawis and statutis of parliament, etc.; gevin be James Norvell, baillie in that part, speciallie constitut be our said Souerane Loird and Ladeis precept, undir thair secreit sele, of the dait, at Edinburgh, the xx^{tj} day of Junij the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and fifty nyne yeiris and of our said Soveranis regnis the first and xviij yeiris; be vertu of the quhilk precept the said James gaif sesing heritable of the said pece yaird to maister Nicholl Robesoun . . .

16 *December* 1560.

The counsale, being convenit in the tolbuyth, ordanit James Watsone and Williame Darrocht to pas to Edinburgh to convene with uthir burrowis for sik besines as occurris for the furthsetting of guid rewle and ordour, upone the townis expenssis, quhilk salbe allowit in the comptis. Commissioners to Edinburgh.

2 *January* 1560-1.

Comperit Johne Robesone, Andro Rae and Matho Robesone and Johne Finlasone, in presens of the elderis, and confessit thair abuis in sklandering and talking of the magistratis and elderis of the town, and repetit the samin; and siklike, of the blaspheme of the name of God; and promeist to forbeir the samin in tyme cuming, and geve thai be fundin failye tharin in tyme cuming thay ar content to underlie sic correctioun as sall pleis the minister and the elderis, but ony grace. Slandering magistrates and elders.

7 *February* 1560-1.

Quo die, nobilis et potens dominus Archibaldus comes Argadie, justiciarius Scocie, intravit libertatem burgensi et gilde, et solvet vinum, etc. Ergile.

Quo die, Colinus Cambell, frater dicti nobilis comitis, intravit libertatem burgensi et gilde, et solvet similiter. His brodir burgen et gilde.

16 *February* 1560-1.

Williame Norvell, thesaurar of the burght of Striviling, ressavit fra the handis of Malcome Kinros, as thesaurer foirsaid, the sowme of four pundis Scottis money for the Witsonday and Mertimes maillis last bipast for the half of the landis callit the Rude Croft, lyand upone the south side of the craig undir the kirkyaird of Striviling, for the quhilk sowme the said William, as thesaurar foirsaid, and in name and behalf of the toun, oblissis him, his airis and assignais and successouris, to warrand the said Malcome at the handis of Sir Johne Stodert and all utheris quhome it effeiris. Kinros, Norvell, Rude croft.

18 *February* 1560-1.

The counsale ordanis the yaird contigue lyand to the Gray freiris to be sett in few to Williame Darroche for xxvj s. viij d. of few maill allanerlie. Communitas, yaird.

Gawin Crawfuird offerit for ane buth of the fleschehous iij merkis and ane half, and protestit and the toun sett it bettir chaipe that thay be accusit for hurt of the commone wele. Crawfuird, buth of fleschehous.

24 *February* 1560-1.

For the mylnis.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes condiscendit to spend thair commoun gude apon the defens of the burrowmyllis and landis aganis Alexander Erskyn of Cangloir and otheris quhatsumevir personis that will persew the samyn; and in cace of inlaik of thair commoun gude, to spend of thair awin geir accordingly as tyme sall requyre, and to that effect to be taxt with avis of the counsall gif neid beis.

Procuratour fiscale.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes grantit Alexander Paterson xl s. of fe to be procuratour fiscaile in the townis effairis.

7 *March* 1560-1.

Eduein, bluidwite.

It wes fund be the baillies that Thomas Eduein trublit Thomas Kirkwod and straik at hym with ane goiff club and hurt Johne Allanis wiff wyth that straik, and thairefter drew ane kniff to hym and hurt his awin wiff thairwitht to the effusioun of hir bluid; and als that his wiffe dispersonit the said Thomas, calland hym theiff, that scho suld se his bluid cald on the calsay; and ordanis the said Thomas Eduein and his wiff to ask the said Thomas Kirkwod forgifnes, and als ordanis the said Thomas Eduein to remane in warde quhil he fynd souerte for his unlaw and bluidwite.

10 *April* 1561.

Pro communitate, chaleis of St. James alter, etc.

The counsale, being convenit in the counsalhous, ordanis the challeis of Sanct James alter and Sanct Peteris challeis to be sauld for xx s. the unce, and the money thairof to be applyit to the mending of the calsay, except foure pundis to be payit to Johne Lescheman, baillie, for the quhilk the said Sanct Peteris challeis lay to him in wod.

16 *April* 1561.

Pro thesaurario, Grey freir yarde.

The consall, present for the tyme, grantit that the thesaurair big and reform ane pair of buttis in the yarde sumtyme callit the Grayfreir yarde apone the townes expens.

12 *May* 1561.

Norvell, Diksoun, Franche men.

The baillies decernis Thomas Norwell to deliver to William Diksoun ane brasyn pot apprehendit in the said Thomas handis within his hous eftir the departing of the Franche men, and in consideratioun that the said Thomas debursit sum mony to the Franche men for the said pot, with consent of the said William Dikisoun ordanis hym to pay to the saide Thomas xvj s.

17 *May* 1561.

In presens of Gawin Drummond, baillie, Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, and Christall Murray, deputis of the sherefdome of Striveling, compeirit Henrie Rynd, burges of Ochterardour, in the tolbuyth of Striviling, and ressavit Johne Henderson, burges thairof, apprehendit within this burght with ane quheitnam pertening to William Grahem of Callendar, takin be him in his madnes, in maner of frannessy or desperatioun, havand na ansuer bot: Put me doun, put me doun, I set nocht by quhiddir I gang to God or the dewill. And thairthrow the said baillie, havand consideratioun of his madnes, ignorance, and appeirand desperatioun, licent and put the said Johne to libertie in the handis of the said Henrie Rynd, and ordanit him to sustene the said Johne upone the expenssis of his awin land, safar as it ma beir, quhill tyme wirk that God ma provid him be his grace to cum to his rycht wittis. Rynd; madman.

The bailyie and his assessouris findis that girnalit victuall nor boit victuall aucht na gait dychting, and thairfoir assoilyeis Johne Moreis thairof. Gait dichting.

4 *July* 1561.

The baillies decernis Johne Johnesoun to produce the gold ring clemit be Archbald Galloway, in the baillies handis, quhill it be sene quha hes maist rycht thairto. Gold ring.

4 *November* 1561.

Maister Patrik Graheme, persone of Culmoir, in name and behalf of master Johne Carswele, persone of Kilmertyne, ressavit and redemit fra Thomas Wallace, tailyeour and burges of Striviling, ane chenyie of gold weyand sexe unce and thre quartaris of ane unce, quhilk the Lady Caterene countes of Ergile deliverit him in wed of the sowme of ane hundreth and tuenty merkis, and becaus I have ressavit the said chenyie in maner foirsaid I oblis me to warrand, releif and keip skaythles, the said Thomas Wallace, his airis, executouris and assignais, at the saidis ladeis handis and all uthir quhome it effeiris of the said chenye, for now and evir. Chenyie of gold, countes of Ergile.

7 *November* 1561.

William Norwell is chosin thesaurair for this instant yeir and maister of werk, and quhen ony set or labour hapins to be set to tak advis of the dene of gild and dekyn of hemmermen. Thesaurair and maister of werk.

16 *March* 1561-2.

Laris.

The baillies dischargit James Thom of rasing of laris in the kirk, or erding of ony personis, quhill the counsall put ordour thairto.

1 *September* 1562.

Cameroun, adultarie.

Johne Cameroun, in Kynnowll on my lord Sanchairis landis, apprehendit within this burghe of Striviling in adultarie with Jonnet Gourlaye, the spous of Hendyre Hendry, burges of burghe, he having the said Henryis sister dochtar to his aune spousit wyff, callit Jonnet Lamb, quhairthrow he hes committit odius and abhominable doble adultary, hes promest heir in the presens of God and in presens of the saidis baillies and nychtbouris of this toun to turne frome his wickitnes and return and neir to his wyff and barnes and nevir to faill agane to hir in liftyme, undyr the payne of dethe; and als hes faythfully promest nevir to communicat nor beir companye in preve, in apart, nor be fund in suspect place with the said hairlott, Jonnet Gourlay, bot to flee and abhor hir companye lik as he wald do the accumpanye of the evill spreitt; and giff he beis fund doand in the contrar that it sall be lesum to the maiestraitis quhair he sall happin to be fundin in maner forsaid to tak him and justifie him to the maist schamfull deid with all regour without mercye; quhairunto he hes oblest him heirto of his auin confessioun.

Wichecraft.

Jonet Lyndesay being sumtyme duelland in Cambus, and Isabell Keir, hir dochter, being brutit with wichecraft, and na man to persew thame thairfoir, oblist tham of thair awin confessioun that thai sall nocht be fundin in this toun agane, undir the pane of deid.

21 *May* 1563.

Duche baneist; drowning.

It is ordanit be the baillies foirsaidis that Jonet Duche, induellar of this burgh of Striviling, apprehendit with certane crymes of thift, and specialie of certane woll stowin be hir, and ressait be Duncane Patersoun, baxtar, and Jonet Nelesoun, his spous; for the quhilk caus the foirsaidis baillies ordanis that the said Jonet salbe baneist the toun, and gif scho beis fundin tharin frathinefurth to be drownit without forther accusatioun. And als that the saidis Duncane and his spous, for thair ressait in maner foirsaid, salbe actitat in thair buikis nevir to mak hewit clayth in tyme cuming.

23 *July* 1563.

The baillie and the hale assis hes ordanit Andro Nelesoun and Margret Maklellan, his spous, on that ane part, and Johne Gillaspy and Marjorie Robesoun, his spous, on the other part, sall nocht injur nor truble otheris, other be worde or deid, privatlie or oppinlie, in tyme cuming, undir the pane of five li. to be pait to the puir hospitale.

For the commoun wele and hospitale.

13 *October* 1564.

It is appontit betuix the provest and baillies of Striveling, on that ane part, and Patrik M'Dicoun, on that other part, in this manir, the said Patrik hes oblist hym to tak away the foirhous now standing within the barresyet apon the west side of the hie gait passing to the said port and mak the grond clene to be fre passage in tyme cuming; for the quhilk caus the saidis provest, baillies and dene of gild, hes ressavit the said Patrik M'Dicoun to the fredome of burgesrie and gild, gratis.

Appointment betuix the toun and M'Dicoun, Barresyet.

27 *October* 1564.

The prices gevin be the provest and baillies to the cordinaris to be observit and kepit undir the pane of escheting of the stuff otherwes sauld; and that the stuff be wele barkit and wele laborit, undir the said pane of escheting:—doubill solit butis lynit, xxij s.; singill solit butis, xvj or xviij s.; eftir, as thai ar of gudnes; singill solit mennis schone, the best can be maid, iij s.; other secundair schone for men, ij s., xxviij d., or xxx d.; eftir, as thay ar of gudnes; doubill solit schone for wemen, xxx d.; singill solit schone for wemen, xvj, xviij, or xx d.; eftir, as thair gudnes; gude barnis schone for xij or xiiij d.; eftir, thair gudnes. Thir statutis maid in respect the barkitt leddir is sauld for xxiiij s. or thairby.

Cordinaris, prices.

31 *October* 1564.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in befoir the said baillie and his assessouris, judiciallie, be Johne Andersone, with consent and auctorite of Archibald Smyth and Johne Esplene, burgessis of the said burgh, his curatouris, for thair entres, menyng that quhair the said Johne Andersone, minor, is destitut of wardlie guidis or yeirlie proffeittis quhairby he mycht have ony sufficient life to put him to ane craft or schuillis, except onlie ane waist foir tenement of land with ane certane pece waist lyand contigue tharto, and foure bark puillis, conforme as the samin is boundit in the said compleneris evidentis, desiring thairfoir the

Anderson, minor, property to be sold.

said baillie to caus the said foir tenement of land, with the waist and puillis lyand contigue thairto, tobe rouppit and sauld to the said compleneris utilitie and proffeit quha wald gif maist thairfoir, to the effect that the availl thairof ma be applyit to the said minoris weill and proffeit for leiring and instructing of him of ane craft quhairby he may win his leving as God sall gif the grace during his lifetyme; quhilk desire the said baillie thocht ressonable and thairfore [caused the property to be valued and sold, the price realised being £13 6s. 8d. Scots, or a yearly payment of £1 Scots].

24 *November* 1564.

[Smyth, claim of a friar to be served heir.]

Comperit Archibald Smyth and allegit James Smyth, his broder, to have na enteres to stand in jugment for persute of his clame [to be served heir of his father] becaus, apon the xv day of Maij, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} xxxiiij yeris, the said James, that tyme unprofessit, in presens of freir Andro Abircrommy, priour, and convent of the Blak Freris of Striveling, and als in presens of Thomas Smyth, his fader, . . . grantit hym self deid of this warld and leiffand the samyn and nevir to returne thairto agane, havand certane brethir germane wele belovit to hym, quhilkis he wald remane *secularis* in tymes cuming, renunsit, quitclamit and ourgaiff, all rycht, titill of richt, enteres, propirte and possessioun, that he hes, had, or ony wys ma haif, or ma pertene to hym in tyme cuming, be resson of deces of the said Thomas Smyth, his fadir, alswele landis, heretages, tenementis, as airschip gudis and gair, in speciall favouris of his saidis brederis. . . . Secuntlie, allegit he had na place to persew in jugment, in respect that he is ane conventual brother of the Blak Freris of Striveling, professit, and aucht nocht to persew without consent of the priour and convent, he being under obedience and as yit undischargit be act of parliament. [The judges having decided that these allegations should not stay the proceedings, Archibald Smyth] repetit all the allegeancis foirsaidis to inqueist, and protestit, gif the inqueist servit the said James conforme to his clame, for wilfull errour and remeid of law; and forther allegit that the said James suld nocht be servit as air conforme to his clame, in respect of the act of parliament that ane native man boirne in Scotland, passand furth of the realme to uthir cuntreis, and speciallie to Ingland, and remanand thair furth of the realme be the space of vij yeris contenewalie without recours agane in Scotland, that in that caice it sall nocht be levesum

to that persone to be servit as na air in generall nor in speciall in respect of the prescrivit tym be the lawis. . . .

[*July* 1565?]

Andro Campbell, David Robertsoun, David Murray and James Stewart, officiaris of the burght of Striviling. I, Johne Williamesone, affermes ane borcht of wrang in your handis apone Cristiane Aikman the spous of Johne Scott, tailyeour, that quhair upone Fryday the xj of Julij instant I wes passand doun the gait for doing of my lesum besines, beleving na ewill of ony persone bott to have levit undir Godis pace, etc.; nochttheless the said Cristiane wrangouslie injurit and dispersonit oppinlie, calland me theif, loun, scheip steillar, thou come furth of utheris pairtis for steilling of scheip, and alsua callit my wife theiff, hure; in hie contemptioun of our Soverane Ladeis auctorite, provest and baillies of this burgh, and in ewill exampill of utheris to commit sic attemptatis gif the samin remane onpwneist; beseiking your wisdomes heirfoir of remeid and to pwneis the said Cristiane Aikman in hir persone and gudis with all rigour of the law in exampill of utheris, and als to compell hir to mak me and my said spous ane publict amendis sua that we may be restorit to oure fame. And ane borcht to follow this my borcht. Witnes: Walter Watsone, Archibald Watsoun, Thomas Geichane, James Johnesoun, Jonet Johnseun. Complaint of Johne Williamesone.

17 *December* 1565.

Ordanis auld actis and statutis to be keipit and observit, and ordanis the officiaris to be diligent to challange the brekaris thairof, and the ane half of the regratit vivers for man or hors to be applyit to the chaulanger and the uthir half to the townis wse. Regrateris.

[*Records awanting from* 28*th January*, 1565-6, *to October*, 1597, *with exceptions mentioned in foot-note.*[1]]

[1] Throughout the greater part of the period embraced in Court Book 1560-6 the practice, which latterly prevailed, of having the proceedings of the burgh court and those of the town council recorded in separate books, was in operation to a certain extent. A few detached leaves of what appears to have been a record of town council transactions in the years 1561-3, along with similar leaves from a record in 1594-7, were discovered while the "Charters and Documents" were being prepared for publication, and extracts from them were given in an appendix to that volume.

6 *May* 1589.

Letter from the King, convention of estates. [From original.]

To our traist freindis, the provest, baillies and counsell, of our burgh of Striveling. Traist freindis, we greit yow hertlie weill. The conventioun of our estaittis quhilk we appointed to haif bene in this burgh the xxiiij day of this last Aprile being thortourit and deserted be the intervening of this lait insurrectioun in the North, and the occatiounis quhilk movit it at that time yit resting to be treated and resolvit upoun be the advise of our estaitis, we haif thairfoir appointed a new conventioun thairof in this said burgh upoun the xxj day of this said moneth; desyring you right eirnestly to haif your commissioner present with us the saidis day and place to concur with his advise in sic things as salbe oppynit and communicat unto him at his cuming, as ye will do us acceptable and thankfull service. Thus we commit you to God. From Edinburgh, this sext of May, 1589.—James R.

1 *April* 1592.

South bray, belonging to hospital, feued to James Monteithe.

It is contractit and finallie agreit betuix the honorable pairteis following, to wit, the bailleis and counsall of the burght of Striviling, takand the burding upoun thame for the pure of the hospitall of the said burght, heritable proprietares of the bray underwrettin, on the ane parte, and James Monteithe of Randifurde on the uther pairte, in maner, forme and effect as efter followes, that is to say, forsamekle as the said James hes presentlie at the making heirof payit and delyverit to the said bailleis and counsell, in name and behalf of the pure of the hospitall, the soume of aucht scoir merk usuall money of this realme; [therefore they, with consent of the bailies and council as superiors, bound themselves to grant a feu charter to James Monteithe] of the bray callit the South Bray of the said burght, presentlie possest be the maisteris of the said hospitall, lyand betuix the wall of the hanyng of Dame Annabell Murray, countes of Mar, on the west, the dyk of the kirk yarde, the bak tenement and yaird dyk of Robert Auchmoutie, Johne Bruce of Auchenbowie, Adame Spittell of Blairlogye, and sua furth as the commoun dyk of the said burght passis to the Grayfreir dyk, upoun the north, the dyk that passis fra the said Grayfreir dyk to James Watsones barne yaird on the eist, the dyk that devydis the said bray fra the Rude croft and the said James Watsones dyk on the south pairtes. Quhilk charter sall contene thir heidis and claussis following:—In the first, that it sall nocht be lesome to the said James to mak ony divi-

sioun of the said bray, nether be setting of tak nor few thairof, bot that the samyn sall remane haill and togidder as it is presentlie; nor it sall nocht be lesom to the said James to mak alienatioun of the said bray in haill nor in pairte to na persone nor persones bot to the nychtbour burgessis and induellaris of the said burgh, be the speciall advyse and consent of the said baillies and counsell for the tyme had thairto. Farder, it sall nocht be lesome to the said James nor na uther persone to quhome he sall mak dispositioun, be the advyse of the said bailleis and counsell, to mak ony planting of wod and treis thairin, bot onlie ane gang about the samyn as the marche passis about the said bray. And farder, it is agreit be the saidis bailleis and counsell that na bak yett be maid nor yit haldin opin upoun the south wall of the said burgh, quhilk is the north merche of the said bray, within the boundis thairof, bot that the passage to the samyn salbe maid throw the kirk yairde of the said burght, entrand at the yet thairof, quhilk passage sall serve for laboring of the said bray at all seasones neidfull, and the said James and his foirsaidis to be infeft thairin as passage commoun to the said bray; as lykwayes, gif it sall please the baillies and counsell of the said burgh the samyn lykwayes to be passage to serve the said burgh and other thair nychtbouris for doing thair lesome bissines under the said bray at all tymes that thay sall have to do. Mairatour, the said few charter to contene the payment yeirlie to the pure of the said hospitall of the soume of fyve merk usuall money of this realme . . . with the doubling thairof at the entrie of ilk air or aires thairto. . . .

South bray, belonging to hospital, feued to James Monteithe.

3 *May* 1594.

To our traist freindis the provest, baillies, and counsale of our burgh of Striviling. Traist freindis, we greit yow hertlie weill. Haveing resolved the halding fordward of our parliament the xxvij day of this instant, for the mair substanteius ordour to be taikin thairin it is fund expedient that our estaittis be convenit the xxv day immediatlie preceiding, quhilk hes gevin ws occasione ernestlie to desire yow that ye faill nocht (all excussis set a pairt) to direct your commissioneris heir towardis ws the said day preceislie, quhen we luik assuritlie for thair presence instructit speciallie with thair best advise and opinioun anent the imployment of sum noble men and utheris for renewing and confermeing of the maist antient league sett down and inviolablie observit betuix our vmquhile predicessouris of worthey memorie and the Kingis of

Letter from the King requiring a commissioner to be sent to conventioun of estates.

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France, quhairof the perticuleris salbe oppynnit up to tham at meitting. Sa, nocht doubting of ther preceisly keiping of that dyet, as ye will kith your zeall toward the effectuating of materis importing sa heichlie to religioun, the weill and suirtie of our awin persone and the haill estait, and will do ws thankfull plesour and seruice, we commit yow to Goddis protectioun. From Edinburgh, the third day of May, 1594.—JAMES, R.

16 *September* 1597.

Letter from the King as to a wiche. [From original.]

REX. Provest and baillies of the burght of Sterling: We greit you wele. It is our will and we command you that ye faill not (all excuses set apart) to send to ws to Linlythqw, upoun Tyisday nixt, ... , prickat wiche, presentlie in your waird, that scho may be reddy thair that nycht at evin attending our cuming for hir tryell in that depositioun scho hes maid aganis Capitane Herring and his wyffe and for our bettir resolutioun of the treuth thairof: As ye will ansuerto us upoun your offices and obedience, keipand thir presentis for your warrand. Subscrivit with our hand, at Falkland, the xvj daye of September, 1597.—JAMES R.

10 *November* 1597.

The watter of Forthe.

The watter of Forthe sett to Gawane Carnis, baxster, for xxv li., with provition that he observe the actis anent the inputting and owtputting of the nettis according to the former actis; and siclyik that na unfremane he receave as pertiner with him in that caus, under the pane of tinsale of his fredome, and payment of the soume of fourtie pundis by and attour the said tynsale of his fredome.

26 *December* 1597.

Anent peckis.

The provest, bailleis and counsale, being in counsale hous convenit, the counsale ordanis John Miller, baillie, Jhone Hendersone, baxster, William Gillespy, maltman, Walter Cowane, dene of gild, and Robert Robertson alias Tennent, convener, to sie the peckis justit with the firlettis, and thame to be maid equale, and to convene to that effect betuix and this day aucht dayis.

Anent the knok stepall.

The counsale ordanis the thesaurer to tak ordour with the stipall of the tolbuyth quhair the knok is, and to repair the same accordinglie.

Grammer scule; Patersonis yaill and tofall.

And siclyck, to beit the grammer scule; and to tak sex honest nychtbouris with him and sie the end of the tofall betuix the kirk and Patersonis yaill, and to reforme the same as neid beis.

6 *February* 1597-8.

The counsall ordanis the deane of gild to conveine his brethereine, and the convener to conveine his deaconis, and to sett doun stenteris with all diligence for this present stent, stenting and collecting thairof within this brucht for the pairt of the samyne, viz., the soume of fywe hundrethe xliij pondis x s. ij d. monie, and that betuix and the xiij of this instant. Anent the stent.

27 *February* 1597-8.

In presens of the bailleis and counsall, Andro Hendersoun is enterit in burges and gild, hes suorne, and sall pay tuentie pond becaus he hes mareit ane gild brotheris dochter. Hendersoun, burges and gild.

18 *April* 1598.

James Wallace band and obleist him, his airis, executouris and assigneis, to produce ane bell of fine silver wyand twa unce and ane half, and schaw the samin to the magistratis aucht dayis befoir Paix, quhilk bell salbe deliverit to ony of the magistratis on Paix Tysday, and failyeing of deliverance to pay twentie pundis to the magistrattis of the towne of Striviling. Silver bell.

1 *May* 1598.

Walter Neische of Wester Dubbettis, baillie, is appointit commissioner for productioun of the tounes rychtis in Edinburgh the xv day of Maij instant, befoire the commissioneris appointit to that effect, and ordanis Jhone Muschett to pas with him. Commissioneris, evidentis of the toune.

The counsall hes ordanit the thesaurer to satisfie the ministeris thrie bolls maill restand as yit unpayit, and that of the first burges fyne. Anent the minister.

29 *May* 1598.

The bailleis and counsale hes electit, nominat and chosin, Andro Buchannane, shiref clerk of Striviling, in clerk of this burght, during thair will, quhill Michaelmes, quha hes suorne *more solito*, and thairupon askit act. . . And the said Andro sall caus advise all questionable processis of the said burght, upon his awin expenssis, during the tyme of his service. Andro Buchanan admitted in clerk.

4 *September* 1598.

Walter Cowan is nominat commissioner to pas to Edinburgh the vij of September, conform to the lettere direct thairanent, and for evacuing of the unlaw continit thairintill, for directing ane commissioner to France. Commissioner.

Actis of parliament.

Walter Neische producit the actis of parliament, quhilkis coist aucht poind, and ordanit the thesaurer to repay the samin to him.[1]

Trubling a bailie.

James Mitchel, being adiugeit for trubling of Johne Myller, bailye, conforme to his complaint, is amerciate thairintill and decernit to pey fyve poindis presentlie, and to do his homage as the counsal hes decernit; and gif the said James be convict in the lyk, to be decernit to have tynt his fredome and libertie within brugh. As alswa his wyf, being with bairne, is oursein for hir sclanders, bot gif scho do the lyk, to be puneist with all rigour.

Minister, parsonage teinds.

The haill counsall having consideratioune that forasmeikill as Archebauld Alexander, Walter Neische, Johne Miller, and James Schort, bailleis and conburgessis in Striviling, cautioneris and souerteis for maister Patrik Sympsone, minister, ar becumin bundin and obleist for thame, thair airis, executouris and assigniis, coniunctlie and severallie, to redelyver and repaye to Alexander, maister of Elphingstoun, and to Alexander Elphingstone, his eldest sone, the soume of thrie hundrethe poundis guid and usual monye of this realme, addebtit to the said maister Patrick out of the personadge of Striviling of the termes of Witsonday [1597 and 1598], and that in caice it sal happin the teind schavis of the said paroche kirk of Stirling to be evictit and fund lauchfullie redemit fra the saidis Alexander maister of Elphingstoune and his said soune of the termes foirsaidis be Johne erle of Mar, assignay lauchfullie constitute to the redemptione of the samyne; [therefore they, the town council, bound themselves to relieve the obligatants of the consequences of their undertaking].

9 *October* 1598.

Walter Cowane dene of gild.

The provest, bailleis and counsale, presentlie convenit, findis and declaris the admissioun of Walter Cowane in dene of gild for this yeir to be lauchfull.

Anent the dene of gild.

The provest, bailleis and counsale, understandand and considderand the truble and inconvenient that is lyk to fall furth within this burght be the electioun of Normond Blakwod in dene of gild, quha usis and usurpis the office thairof, thairfoir, for eschewing of farder truble and commotioun, it is

[1] Skene's edition of the acts of parliament 1424-1598 was published about this time. By an act, dated 29th June, 1598, the convention of estates remitted to the lords of session to enforce the purchase, by all subjects of sufficient "substance and habilitie," of the "actis of parliament imprentit be Mr. Johune Skene, clerk of register."—Acts of Parliament, 1598, c. 9, vol. iv., p. 165.

statut and ordanit that, be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of this burght, the said Normond and his fortefearis be inhibit and dischargit to hald ony gild court or use the said office fra this furth unto the tyme he be placit and estableshit dene of gild ordourlie, and that he and the remanent gildbrethir ansuer and obey Walter Cowane as dene of gild, quhome thay first electit, and quhais admissioun is fund lauchfull be the counsale heir present; and gif thay or ony of thame do in the contrair, to be punishit with all rigour. Anent the dene of gild.

13 *October* 1598.

Johnn Adamsone, notar, wes creat clerk deput undir Androw Buchannan, in his absens to serve the burgh of Striviling, quha being suorne maid fayth to use the same lelellie and treulie quhill he be dischargit. John Adamsoune, clerk depute.

The provest and bailleis of the said burgh, for making of the statuttis and prycis of the victuellis, vivers and utheris particularlie eftir specifeit, this present yeir, quhill fardir ordour be tane, hes electit, nominat, and choisin the personis of inqueist following for declaring of the samyn, thay ar to say:— Statuttis and prycis.

Robert Allexander, merchand; Johnn Donaldson, merchand; Andro Lowrie, merchand; Duncan Patirson, merchand; Johnne Sinclaire; Robert Robieson, peudrar; Johnn Merschell, litster; Johnn Henderson, baxster; William Edmen, baxster; Alexander Robiesone, fleschour; George Forrester in Schiphauch; James Crystie in Corntoun; Andro Fergussone, cordinar; James Steinson, maltman; Duncan Murieson, maltman. Nomina inquisitionis.

Quhilkis personis of inqueist compeirand personallie, being suorne and admitit, all in ane woice declairit that ilk boll of malt may be sauld for vj li. money the boll; the pynt of aill for tuelff pennyis, guid and sufficient; and that thair be ane man of ilk quarter of the said burgh choisin to visie the said aill anent the sufficiencie thairoff, and in cais the sam be fund nocht wordie of the said xij d. ilk pynt thairof, ane barrell thairof to be delt to the puir and that ilk boll of quheit be sauld for nyn pundis the boll. Malt, aill, quheit.

And that the laiff of quheit breid, guid and sufficient stuff, being fourtein vnces of wecht, be sauld for xij d.; and in cais, heireftir, that the sam may be sauld bettir chaip or darrer nor the said xij d. ilk fourtein vncis of quheit breid, the said inqueist consentis that the counsall declair thairanent as thay think expedient. Breid.

And ilk stane of sufficient tauch, being tron wecht, be sauld for threttie Tauch, candill.

Tauch, candill.

tua schillingis, and ilk pund of maid candill of trois vecht, sufficient coverit with tauche, be sauld for tua schillingis, and to be sichtit be the bailleis and magistrattis of this burgh.

Aittis, stray, &c.

And ilk boll of kars aittis be sauld for thrie pundis; and ilk boll of dryfeild aitis for fourtie schillingis. And ilk xxiiij houris hors stray, stabill fie, and candill, tua schillingis.

Hukstaris, kaikbaxteris.

And that na hukstarris nor kaikbaxsteris by ony maill befor allevin houris, and that ordour be tane with thame be the magistrattis how money thai may baik of everie pect of maill and of quhat quantitie and wecht thai may be. Nor that na hukstarris nor kaikbaxsteris by ony butter or cheis on the mercat day to sell agane befoir ten houris.

Maltmen.

And that na outtintounis maltmen by ony beir in the mercat in tym cuming befoir allevin houris befoir none, and that it sal be lesum to the maltman of this burgh to by beir at ten houris befoir none in the said mercat.

Coparis, forstallaris.

And that na coparis nor forstallaris by ony kynd of vivors befoir ten houris on the mercat day.

The said inqueist ordanis the bailyeis and magistrattis to tak ordour with the copparis and foirstallaris of hering and utheris fischis.

Statutis ratified.

Unto the quhilkis ordinancis and statuttis, maid be the said personis of inqueist in maner forsaid, the saidis provest and balyeis consentit thairto, and interponis thair auctoritie thairto, and ordanis the same to be obeyit, fulfillit and observit in all poyntis, with certificatione to thame and ather of thame that salhappin to contravein the premissis, or ony pairt thairof, thai sall pay the sowm of fyff pundis usuell money of this realm *toties quoties;* and ordanis publicatione to be maid of the samyn at the mercat cros of this burgh as efferis, to the effect na person or personis pretend ignorans heiroff.

19 *October* 1598.

Linlithgow furlott and peck.

Duncan Patirsone, merchand, and Robert Robiesone, convenar, wes electit, nominat and choisin, be the provest, bailyeis, and counsell, to pas to Linlythgow on the xx day of October instant, and to tak with tham ane furlott and ane pect, thair to be met and mesourit be the bailyeis of the said burght of Linlythgow with thair just furlott and pect, and that conforme to our Soverane Lordis ordinance maid thairupoun, and to report bak agane fra the saidis bailyeis of Lynlythgow ane sufficient testimoniall thairwpoun.

1 *January* 1598-9.

The counsall statut and ordanit the bailyeis to tak ordour with the mercat of Airthe, and to direct the Kingis Majesties letteres and thair commission to Edinburgh to the provest to be advysit be him and men of law thair. Anent Airth mercat.

The baillies and counsall ordanis the haill entressis of burgessis within this burgh that salhappin to be enterit befor Michalmis nixtocum salbe upliftit and intromettit with be Walter Cowan, to be wairit and bestowit be him for the beitting and mending of the calsay that passis to the hewin of Sterling, except the sowm of tuenty pundis money, quhilk thay consent be gewin to Archibald Alschunder as debursit be him of befoir. Anent the calsay.

12 *January* 1598-9.

The new custoume grantit be the Kingis Maiestie to the provest and bailleis of this burght for beitting and reparing of the brig thairof and calsay adiacent thairto is set to Williame Soirlie, in the Quhynnis, and Williame Thomsone, thair, equalie betuix thame, quhill the terme of Mertymes nixt tocum, for payment to the thesaurar of this burght of the soume of fourtie pundis money.[1] Provyding that thay sall not extors ony our Soverane Lordis liegis be taking of griter custoum of leidis or guidis nor is presentlie set doun be the baillies and salbe affixit upon the brig and port. New custoume.

5 *March* 1598-9.

It is statut and ordanit be the saidis bailleis and counsall that na person or personis presum or tak on hand to build, edifie or big, ony hous or work within this burght or territorie thairof, in ony tym cuming, without the adwyse and consent of the counsall of the said burgh haid thairto, undir the pan of tuenty pundis money to be payit be ony person or personis contravenand the samyn, *toties quoties*, to the commoun guid of the said burgh. Buildings.

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[1] By an act of the convention of royal burghs, dated 4th July, 1598, the burgh of Stirling were authorised "to impetrat of our Souerane lord, for the space of thre yeiris nixt following the dait heirof, ane gift of the import for uphalding and repairing of thair calsay and brig, that is to say, of ilk laid passand alangis the said brig, unfremen four penneis, fremen tua penneis; and of ilk kow, ox or hors cummand to be sauld tua penneis; and of ilk score schap four penneis." The intended application seems to have succeeded.—Conv. Rec., vol. ii., p. 36.

11 *June* 1599.

Act anent c. li. to be borrowit to the minister.

The counsall ordanis and concludis that thair be borowit the sowm of ane hundrethe pundis, for profeitt, till Mertimes nixtocum, quhair the sam may be best gottin, to be gewin to thair minister for the Witsonday terme last bipast, as in pairt of payment of his stipend of the crop and yeir of God j^m v^c lxxx nyntein yeiris, quhill the teyndis of the paroche kirk of Striviling of the said crop pertening to the teynd parsonage be gottin in to pay the same.

23 *July* 1599.

Johnn Scherar, commissionar.

The counsall ordanis Johnn Scherar to pas to Falkland, as thair commissionar, agane the xxviij day of Julij instant, and thair to convein his Maiestie and remanent commissionaris of burrowis for intreitting of sic effairis as his Maiestie sall have to do, and specialie anent ordour taking with the West Bordouris, conforme to his Hienes lettre.

30 *July* 1599.

Anent the wapinschawing.

Forsamekill as thair is ane generall wapinschawing appointit be the Kingis Maiestie to be haldin on the sext day of August nixtocum, in this haill realm, and for obeydiance the counsall hev ordanit ane wapinschawing to be haldin in this burght on the said day, and thairfoir ordanis the haill burgessis and inhabitantis within the samyn burgh to be in reddines in thair armour according to his Maiesties command, and that na person or personis invaid nor trubill wtheris be schottis or wtherwayis on the said day, undir the pane of deid quha contravenis the samyn.

8 *October* 1599.

Anent the pulpet.

The haill counsall ordanis thair maistir of work to renew the grein clayth on the edge of the pulpet quhair the minister preichis, quhilk is worne, and to decoir the same as it wes of befoir, and ordanis the thesaurar to satisfie thairfoir.

19 *October* 1599.

Anent the minister.

The counsall ordanis the thesaurar to pay to thair minister the sowm of xx li., and als ordanis him to pay for tua mairtis to the said minister.

Anent the stoupis.

The counsall hes condiscendit and gewin expres command to Robert Robertsone, peudrar, being present at counsall, that all stoupis, sic as quartis,

pyntis, chopines, to be maid be him heireftir, sal be agriabill in mesour to the jug and stampit with the townis stamp, and that the pluik be benethe the mouth of ilk stoup as followis, to wit, of the quart stoup and pynt stoup ane inche, and of ilk chopein stoup half ane inch, and that he present the stamp to the counsall yeirlie. Anent the stoupis.

24 *October* 1599.

The counsall, being present, agreit that Archibald Alschunder, Walter Neische, William Edmond, and Johnn Hendersone, convenar, pas to Patrik Innes, servitour to maister Johnn Skeyn, clerk of register, and to apoynt and agrie with him in bying of sua mony buikis of the actis of parliament, for the weill of the inhabitantis of the said burcht, as they may guidlie get don at his handis. Anent the actis of parliament.

5 *November* 1599.

The baillies and counsall, haifing dew regaird and consideratione of the estait of maister Patrick Simpson, thair minister, quha haiffing regraittit to thame quhat fachrie he hes haid in tymes bipast in craiffing of his stipend, and how the charge thairof hes bein ane occasion to withdraw him fra his studie, thairfoir thai have, all in ane woice, appoyntit William Edmond, baillie, to mak him payment of his stipend for this present yeir to cum, extending to the sowm of fyff hundrethe merkis money, quarterlie, as he craiffit, at four severall tymes viz. Martimes, Candilmes, Witsonday and Lambes, beginnand the first quarter thairof at Mertimes nixtocum. And quhatsumeuer entres or lois the said William salhappin to incur in his behalff be advancing of money befoir the ordinar stipend appointit may be collectit, or vtherwayis, the haill baillies and counsall bindis and oblissis tham to warrand and releiff the said William thairof, and to repay the samyn to him, as alsua to concur and assist with him in execution of this guid caus tending to the weill of the haill town. Anent the minister.

7 *December* 1599.

The counsall concludit and ordanit James Hendirson, son of James Hendirson, baxster, burges in Striviling, for dissobeydiance of the ordinance of the kirk and for dysobeydiance of the magistrattis of the said burght, and for injureing of thame with drawin wapines, to pay the sowm of ten pundis money, and to cum to the mercat cros of the said burght and thair opinlie to confes his faultis in dissobeying of the said kirk and Anent Hendirson and Wallace; disobediance to kirk and magistrates.

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magistrattis, quhen he sall be requyrit; and failyeing thairof, to be banissit furth of this burgh and territorie thairof, and to remain furth of the same for the space of thrie yeris, and incais he tak himself to banischment conform to the said ordinance, and beis fundin within this burght in ony tym within the said space, he sall pay, *toties quoties*, he sall be apprehendit the sowm of x li.

And lykwayis ordanis James Wallace, notar, to pas to the said mercat cros quhen he sall be requyrit, and thair opinlie to confes and grant that he hes don greit wrang and injurit John Paterson, bailyie, in jugement, he being in the Kingis Majesties place, and also to pay fyve pundis of unlaw.

20 *February* 1600.

Anent the winschelhauch.

The baillies and counsall of the said burgh, convenit this day, findis that Robert Allexander, merchand, hes dispossessit thair liberties in teilling down of ane part of thair libertie of the peice land lyand besyd the Winschelhauch, appointit for drying of the fischaris nettis repairing thair, quhairof thaj war in possession within certan merchis quhilk war set thairintill; tharfor, all in ane voice, condescendis that the merchis raisit be the said Robert in the saidis landis salbe set in agane, and all the boundis betuix that and the walter of Forthe be keipit in commontie as it wes past memor of man, and usit be the fischaris in drying of thair nettis, ay and quhill thai be callit and lauchfullie put thairfra be the law; and to this effect that the haill town pas and lay ouer the ground agane newlie revin out within the boundis forsaidis, to the effect abon writtin, and thaj to be warnit be the sound of drum; and ordanis the said Robert Alexander to be warnit to compeir to ansuer for contravening of the former act maid heiranent.

29 *February* 1600.

Anent the minister.

The counsall ordanis the first tua entressis of burgessis and gild that salhappin to be enterit in this burgh to be gewin to maister Patrik Simpsone, thair minister, for releiffing of him of sum dettis awand be him.

21 *July* 1600.

Robert Forester gifing l merkis to the hospitall.

Comperit Robert Forrester of Boquhan and delyverit and frielie gaiff to Johnn Gawie, ane of the maistiris of the hospitall, the sowm of fiftie merkis, to be wairit, imployit, and laid on land for yeirlie annuelrent to be gottin thair-

foir, to the utilitie and commoditie of the hospitall of the said burgh and puir being thairintill, present and tocum, be the advyse of the provest, baillies and counsall of this burgh, and that for the zeill, favour and gud will, quhilk the said Robert Forrester hes and beiris to this burght and puir of the said hospittall. Robert Forester gifing 1 merkis to the hospitall.

The counsall present, with advyse and consent of sindrie utheris honest nychtbouris inhabitantis in the said burghe, is content and consentit that thair libertie be menteinit and summondis of reductioun raisit at thair instancis for reductioun of the rychtis maid and grantit be our Soveran lord to the townis of Airth and Falkirk, in prejudice of the liberties of this burght, and thairefter electit and cheisit, the maist pairt of tham, that Archibald Alschunder, dene of gild, and Johne Hendirson, convenar, sall pas to Edinburgh to caus with all diligens lybell ane summonds of reductioun. And the haill craftmen dissasentit fra directing of ony commissioner to the effect forsaid except ane craftisman be direct commissioner, in all tym cuming, for this burght, with ane uther commissioner, and thairwpon thaj tuik instrument. Airth and Falkirk.

20 *August* 1600.

The counsall ordanis the thesaurar to pay to Walter Neische the sowm of fourtie pundis, debursit be him for ane unlaw for his non compeirance befor the lordis of chekkar to mak the comptis of this burght at the day appointit. Chekkar, comptis.

15 *September* 1600.

The baillies and counsall hes electit and nominate Johne Williamson, schereff clerk of Striviling, in commoun clerk and nychtbour of the said burgh, in place of umquhile Andro Buchannan, last clerk and possessour of the said office, for the space of ane yeir nixtocum. . . . And the said Johnne sall caus advyse all questionable processis upoun his expenssis that sall occur within the said burgh during the tyme of his said service. Commoun clerk.

24 *September* 1600.

The baillies and counsall, present, nominates and appointis Archiball Allane, merchand, and Johnne Henrysoun, convenare, commissionares to pas to Edinburgh, with all diligence, and thair, be advyse of men of law and jugement, to caus libell and rais ane summond of reductioun at the instance of the provest, baillies, counsall, deacones of craft, and haill commounitie of the said burgh, for annulling the richtis and erectiones of the tounes of Falkirk and Airth. Falkirk and Airth.

3 *December* 1600.

Gowrye's leg and arm.

Johnne Broun, induellare of the Cannogait, producit and gaif in the lettre undirwrittin, quhairof the tennour followis:—

REX.: Provest and baillies of our burgh of Striveling. It is our will that ye ressave heirwith tua quarteris of the lait erle of Gowry and his brother, our declairit traitouris, and caus thame be sett up on the maist eminent and usuall places within your toun, according to the dome pronuncet aganest thame be the thrie estaittis, quhairanent this salbe a sufficient warrand to yow. Subscrivit with our hand at Haliruidhous the xxvij day of November 1600. *Sic subscribitur:* JAMES, Rex. And siclike, the said Johnne Broun deliverit to the saidis baillies the saidis tua quarteris of the foirsaid vmquhile Erle of Gowry and his said brother. For obedience of the command of the quhilkis letteres, the saidis baillies and counsall ordinit the saidis tua quarteris of the said umquhile [erle of Gowry and his] brother to be sett up on the stipell of the tolbuith of the said burgh as the maist eminent place within the same.

Robert Seytoun, burges and gild brother.

Robert Seytoun, brother to the laird of Touche, is enterit to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brother of this burgh, quha maid faith *more solito;* and that frelie, without any compositione payet or to be payed be him thairfoir, inrespect of the grite panes and travellis tane be the said Robert in the beitting and repairing of the brig of Tullibody, quhilk he undertuik at desyre of the baillies and counsall of the said burgh.

20 *December* 1600.

Commissioners to Perth.

The baillies and counsall convenit, voites, nominates and apointis, Archibald Alschunder and Williame Edmond, baillies, with all diligence, to pas to the burgh of Perth and thair eirnestlie to insist and deale with the provest, baillies and counsall thairof, for the len and use of the commoun charter and evident granted to the merchandis and inhabitantis of the haill frie burghis of this realme be King David the [Second[1]], quhilk is of the dait the [28 March, 1364[1]], to the effect the said evident may be producit and used befoir the lordis of sessioun in the actioun and caus of susspensioun persewit

[1] In the record blanks are left here. A copy of the charter referred to is printed in Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs, vol. i., pp. 536-40.

be the induellaris of the villages of Falkirk and Airth aganes the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Striveling, concerning the lait erectiones of the saidis villages in burghis of baronie. Commissioners to Perth.

25 *December* 1600.

Archibald Alschunder and Williame Edmond, for reporte of the commissioun gevin to thame upoun the xx day of December instant, producet and deliverit to James Schorte, deane of gild, and George Norwell, thesaurare, in name of the haill counsall, the commoun charter and evident grantet be King David the [Second] to the haill merchandis of frie burghis within this realme, quhilk wes in the handis and custodie of the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burghe of Perthe, fra quhome the saidis commissioneris, in name and behalf foirsaidis, hes borrowit and resavit the same, for the caus and effect specifeit in the said commissioun, off the quhilk charter and evident the saidis James Schorte and George Norwell, in name and behalf of the said counsall, grantis the ressait fra the saidis commissioneris, and discharges thame thairof for ever, in respect the saidis Archibald Alschunder and William Edmond ar bund and obleist to redeliuer the said evident agane to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Perthe, betuix and the last day of Februar nixtocum. Sanct Johnestones evident.

28 *January* 1601.

[The baillies and counsall, "Robert Forestare of Boquhane, ald provest," and seven others,] being convenit in the counsalhous of the said burgh to confer and intreate upoun the commoun effairis of the said burgh, all in ane voce, for thair awin pairtis, voitit and concludet to prosequute and defend the actioun and caus persewit and depending befoir the lordis of counsall at the instance of the inhabitantes of the villages of Falkirk and Airth aganes the provest, baillies, and commountie of the said burgh, anent the erectiones of the saidis villages in burghes of baronie; and for that effect the saidis baillies, counsall, and deacones of craft, and uther persones forsaidis, agreit, votet and concludet, all in ane voce, for thair awin pairtes, to provyde, lift and uptak the soume of tua hundreth pundis money as the samyn may be maist convenientlie had, viz., that the saidis foure baillies, upoun thair awin obligatione, borrow the said soume of tua hundreth pundis for profite quhair it may be had, quhill the feist and terme of Witsonday nixtocum, to be deliverit be thame to the com- Falkirk and Airth.

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missioneris of the said burgh as salbe apointit for defence of the said caus; [of which personal obligation the four bailies are to be relieved out of the common good.]

Commissioun to the presbiterie.

The saidis baillies and counsall gevis power and commissioun to the moderator and remanent brether of the presbyterie of Striviling, for the better provissioun of ane secund minister within the said burgh, to travell with Sir Thomas Erskene of Gogare, knicht, for the dispositione of his richt, title and kyndnes, of the burrow mylnes of this burgh, upoun the conditiones offired be him to thame of befoir.

28 *April* 1601.

Winschelhauch.

Anent the merche stanes laitlie revin up be Robert Alschunder betuix the landis of Winschelhauche perteining to the said Robert, on the ane pairte, and the schoir rowme of the cobill fisching of this burgh be west the brig, on the uthir pairte, quhairby the said Robert thinkis to appropriate the said schoir rowme to his saidis landis of Winschelhauche, and sua to mak the said fisching altogidder unprofittable to this burgh, notwithstanding that the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, and thair fischeares in thair names hes bene in possessioun of the said schoir rowme thir mony yeiris bygane past memorie of man; the baillies and counsall convenit, being weill and ryplie avysit thairanent, decernis and ordinis that, with all diligence, the saidis merche stanes be of new inpute agane betuix the saidis landis of Winschelhauche and the said schoir rowme of the cobill fisching of this burgh, quhair they wer of befoir, and for that effect ordinis the haill inhabitantis of this burgh to be warnit this day eftir none, be sweshe or bell, to accompany the saidis baillies and counsall in setting and placeing of the saidis stanes agane in maner foirsaidis.

1 *May* 1601.

Winschelhauche.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, nominates and apointis Archibald Allane, younger, commissionare to pas to Edinburgh, for finding cautioun, souirtie, and lauborrous, actit in the buikis of counsall and sessioun, for Williame Foirlie [and others] contenit in the letteres of lauborrowis raised and execute be Robert Alschundir aganes thame for his indempnitie. . . . [And also] to raise ane summondis of contraventioun aganes the said Robert Alschundir for altering and raising of the merche stanes betuix the landis of Winschelhauche and the fisching shoir rowme of this burgh be west the brig.

5 *May* 1601.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis tua sufficient, apt and qualifeit doctouris, to be provydet to the grammer scole of this burgh, for the bettir instructioun of the youthe thairof; and continues the provisioun of thair fies and sustentatione, with the rest of the ordour requisite to be had for reformatione of the said grammer scole, unto the auchtene day of Maij instant. Doctor to the grammer schole.

16 *September* 1601.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, for eschewing and preventing of all farder trouble and inquietnes of this burgh betuix the baxteris and maltmen thairof, ordinis the persones underwrittin, alswell of the baxteris as of the maltmen, to be charget, with all diligence, to enter thair persones in waird within the tolbuith of this burgh, and to remane thairintill, upoun thair awin expenssis, ay and quhile they becum actit and obleist in the commoun buikis of this burgh, ilk ane for thair awin pairtes, viz., the saidis persones of the baxteris for thame selfis and for the remanent baxteris of this burgh, baith maisteris, prentessis, and servandes, and the saidis persones of the maltmen for thame selfis and for the remanent maltmen, baith maisteris, prentessis, and servandis, that ather of the saidis craftis, thair wyffes, bairnes, servandis, assisteris, and pairt takeris, salbe harmeless and skaithles of utheris, and on nawyis to be molestit nor troublit be utheris, nor na utheris of thair causing, sending, hounding out, causing, command, assistance, or ratihabitione, quhome they may stop or lett, directlie or indirectlie, uthirwyis nor be ordour of law and justice, quhill the auchtene day of October nixtocum, under the panes following, viz., ilk maister under the pane of fourtie pundis, and ilk prentes and servand under the pane of tuentie pundis, the ane half thairof to the saidis provest and baillies, and the uther half to the pairty grevit; and gif thair be ony of the saidis baxteris or maltmen, ather maisteris, prentessis, or servandis, for quhome the maisteris following will nocht tak burding nor obleis thame selfis as said is, the saidis baillies and counsall ordinis thair names to be gevin up to thame, that thairefter they may be apprehendit and put in waird thame selfis, to remane thairintill ay and quhill they find cautione and souertie for thame selfis in maner and to the effect foirsaidis. Followis the names of the saidis maisteris:—For the baxteris, Andro Andersone, James Archibald, James Michell Christopher Cairnes, Robert Waird Baiksteris and maltmen.

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and Alexander Robesoun; for the maltmen, James Stenesoun, Walter Muresoun, Johnne Layng abone the porte, Duncane Patersone, James Thomesoun and Alexander Thomesoun.

18 *December* 1601.

Glasgw, plaig.

Nominates and apointis James Schort commissioner to pas and visie the toun of Glasgw, and to reporte the trew estait thairof anent the present plaig of pest and pestilence quhairwith the said toun is infected.

21 *December* 1601.

For the pest.

The baillies and counsall convenit, findis it neidfull and expedient that fra this furth the barres yett, the burrow mylne, the brig yett, Balnageich and the plane treis, be daylie keipit and attendit on be the nychtbouris and inhabitantes of this burgh as followis, viz., be tua persones daylie at the barres yett, tua at the burrow mylne, ane at the brig yett, ane uther at Balnageich, and ane uther at the plane treis, and that na straingeris be sufferit to haif acces or entrie at the saidis passages without sufficient testimoniallis; and gif ony testimoniall cum fra Glasgw, the baillies and counsall discharges the keipares of the saidis portes and passages to ressave ony of the saidis testimoniallis fra Glasgw, or fra ony uther suspect place unto the tyme the baillie of the quarter be first advertesed; and siclik, the saidis baillies and counsall nominates and apointes the persones following to be quarter maisteris and adjonit to the baillies for thair help and ease in viseing and attending on the saidis portes and passages, and utherwyis to tak heid and advert so far as in thame lyis that na infectioun of the present plaig of pest arryse within this burgh, that is to say [two persons for each quarter]; and that the saidis portes and passages be keipit quarterlie about as it is begun alreddy.

11 *January* 1602.

For convening of the counsall.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordinis that fra this furthe gif ony persoun of the counsall, ather baillie, merchand, or craftisman, convene nocht preceislie within the counsalhous at the houre apointit to the quhilk they salhapin to be warnit, ilk persoun absent and nocht compeirand at the apointit houre as said is, sall pay ane unlaw of tua schillingis, to be unforgevin, and putt in ane box and keipit and maid furthcumand be the clerk to the provest, baillies and counsall.

13 *January* 1602.

The baillies and counsall findis and concludes that thair be ane stent of the soume of fiftie pundis ten s. raisit and upliftit of the inhabitantes of this burgh, according to the accustomate ordour, and that for releif of certane the tounes necessar effairis, speciallie anent the mater of the claith making, and that the said soume be upliftit with all diligence. Stent, claith making.

10 *May* 1602.

Walter Cowane, thesaurer, is appointet commissioner to pas to Edinburgh, with power to compt, rekin and tak ordour with the burgh of Edinburgh anent the tounes pairte of the stent raisit of the burrowes for hame bringing of the strangeris. Clayth makeris.

9 *July* 1602.

The provest and baillies grantes to the toun for biging of thair peir and schoir the unlawes following, viz., [four unlaws, amounting in all to £63 6s. 8d.]. Peir, schoir.

Ordinis the thesaurer to gif the Flemyngis the sowme of twentie foure merkes to by thame tua stane of woll. Flemyngis, woll.

Ordinis the thesaurare to be cautione for the Flemyngis hous maillis fra Witsonday last bipast to Witsonday nixtocum, and the toun sall releve the thesaurare of the said cautionerie. Flemyngis, hous maillis.

Ordinis the thesaurer to pay fourtie schillingis to James Castellawes wyff for the len of ane hous to the gude wyff of Pannellis bairnes for the ease of the Flemyngis.

20 *August* 1602.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis tua sufficient, apt, and qualifeit doctouris, to be provydit and placed in the grammer scole of this burgh; and, for thair travellis to be tane be thame thairintill, assignis to everie ane of thame in stipend the soume of tuentie merkis, thairof ten pundis to be payed to ilk ane of thame be the toun, at tua termes in the yeir Witsonday and Mertimes in the winter, be equall portiones, and thrie pundis vj s. viij d. to be payed to ilk ane of thame be the maister of the scole furth of the excres of his scollage mair nor wes first conditionate to him be his contract. And for the saidis doctouris burde and intertenement, ordinis the haill nychtbouris of this burgh quha salhappin to present and haif thair bairnes teachit in the said scole to gif the saidis doctouris daylie burding as it salhappin ordourlie to cum athorte. The grammer scole.

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The grammer scole.

And for the bettir flurishing of the said scole, ordinis all bairns within this burgh exceiding the age of aucht yeiris that ar alreddie or salbe presentit to ony uther scoles within this burgh, or to ony uther landwert scole about the same to the quhilk bairnes gang furth in the morning and thairfra cumes hame at evin, to be removit and alterit furth of the saidis scoles, and presentit and putt to the said grammer scole. And that the maister teache to all bairnes that salbe presentit fra this furth to him the commoun rudimentis professit and teachit in all wther scoles, with Pylossois first pairte of grammer and Ramus Syntax. And for sic bairnes as ar alredie enterit and groundit with Ramus rudimentis, the counsall promittis the said maister to continew and proceid with thame in the teaching of Ramus grammer and haill pairtes thairof as the said maister sall think expedient. And this ordour to continew ay and quhill the generall assemblie of the kirk, or his Maiestie and estaittis, condiscend and agrie upoun ane universall grammer to be teached throuchout the haill realme. And this act to continew and stand induring the counsallis will.

4 *October* 1602.

Owirgeving of fredome.

In presens of the baillies and counsall, comperit personallie Johnne Sinclare, commissare of Dunblane, quha declaret that the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh for the tyme, frelie ressavit and admittit him to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brother of this burgh, and that he findis the said libertie and fredome to be now unproffitable to him, thairfoir of his awin fre will renuceit and gaif ouer the same to the saidis baillies and counsall to be used and disponit upon be thame at thair plesour.

15 *November* 1602.

Abbote of Cambuskynneth and the toun.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordines Johne Gawie and Alexander Dawsoun, maisteris of the hospitall, to borrow for proffite and annuell the soume of tua hundrethe merkis quhill Witsonday nixtocum, that thairwith the abote of Cambuskenneth may be satisfeit of the byrun maillis acclamit be him fra the toun and for a perpetuall richt thairof to the pure of the said hospitall in tyme cuming, conforme to the decreit arbitrall pronuncet betuix the abote and the toun thairanent.

Grammer scole.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, conducet and agreit with maister James Weland, doctour of the grammer scole, to travell in the said

office quhill Witsonday nixtocum, and ordinis the thesaurare to pay him thairfoir the soume of tuentie merkes. And for the said maister James bettir intertenement ordinis ane roll to be maid of all honest mennis bairnes within the scole of quhome the said doctour may gudlie tak his intertenement, and ordinis the parentis of the saidis bairnes the said doctour salbe buirdet to be advertesed be ane baillie, that gif the doctour be neglectit of his intertenement as he salhapin ordourlie to cum athorte, that for ilk dayis buirde quhairof he salhapin to be frustrate thair salbe upliftit sex schillingis aucht penneis of ilk ane of the saidis parentis to be payed to the doctour; and ordinis ane baillie to poynd thairfoir gif neid be. And, siclike, the counsall, with consent of Alexander Yule, maister of the said scole, grantis to the said doctour ten schillingis of scolage of ilk tounes barne, deduceand in payment thairof vj s. viij d. aff the maisteris scollage, sua that fra this furth the said maister sal haif of everie tounes barne tuentie schillingis and the doctour ten schillingis, and thir scollages to be payed quarterlie, begynnand at this Mertimes terme last bipast. And this to continew quhill the said terme of Witsonday nixtocum and langer induring the counsallis will allanerlie. Grammer scole.

30 *January* 1603.

The provest, baillies and counsall, apointis Archibald Alschunder and maister Robert Murray to pas, on Wedinsday nixtocum, to the presbiterie and to crave of thame a command to maister Alexander Greif to desist and ceis fra teching of grammer to ony uther bairnes within this burgh nor to the laird of Gardenes awin bairnes, and fra all usurping of the maister of scoles calling thairanent. Scholes, teching of grammer.

Ordinis everie baillie, in thair awin quarter, to assist and concur with the maister of scole in obtening payment of his scollage with sic summer procces as thay may of law. Maister of scole.

31 *March* 1603.

James Castellaw, Cuthbert Cunyngham, balyeis, and Johnne Williamson, clark, is ordenit to pas commissioneris, or ony of tham, coniunctlie and seueralie, to pas to Edinburgh to intrett, conclud, and consult upon the effairis of the estait of burrowis, becaus of his Maiesteis schortlie remoifing to Ingland to accept the crown thairof, with the remanent commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit in Edinburgh to that effect, conform to the missive lettre derect fra the counsall of Edinburgh to this burght. His Majesteis remoifing to Ingland.

19 *April* 1603.

Schoir maill and anchorage.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, considering the grete decay of thair shoir and heavin upoun the watter of Forthe, and for preventing of the grite inconveniencis that be proces of tyme may arryse thairthrow to the weill of this burgh, thairfoir the saidis baillies and counsall, convenit, representing the haill communitie of this burgh, for thame and thair successouris, ordinis fra this furth that ilk nychtbour and freman within this burgh pay for everie boll of victuall quhilk salhappin to be inbrocht be sey at the schoir and heavin of this burgh, tua penneis of schoir maill; and for ilk barrell of gudis that salhappin to be inbrocht or out sent, tua penneis; ilk daiker of hydes, tua penneis; ilk hundreth shep skynnes, sex penneis; ilk tua hundreth gaitt skynnes, sex pennies; ilk tuentie tod skynnes, sex pennies; ilk thousand lamb skynnes, tuelf penneis; ilk fyve hundreth fute fellis, tuelf penneis; ilk double pak of clayth, tua schillingis; ilk single pak, tuelf penneis; ilk hundreth daillis, tuelf penneis; ilk hundreth single sparris, tuelf penneis; ilk hundreth double sparris, tua schillingis; ilk hundreth knapple, sex penneis; ilk pece of wainscott, ane penny; and ilk hors draucht of all uthir tymmer, ane penny; ilk tun of wyne, sextene penneis; ilk tuentie stane of tallon, sex penneis; ilk leid of bark, ae penny; ilk chalder of lyme, tuelf penneis. And this custome abonewrittin to be doublet upoun all unfremen; and to be upliftit be the collectouris that salhappin to be appointit thairto yeirlie, as followes, viz., tua for the custom and schoir maill of all victuall, tymber, and uther waires that is commoun for all men to by and sell, and uther tua for the custome of all staple gudes quhairwith na unfreman may traffique. And for the better uplifting of the said schoir maill, ordinis the merchandis of all creires and boittis, immediatelie efter thair arryving to the said schoir and heavin, and befoir thair loissing, to enter and gif up befoir ae baillie and the clerk ane trew inventer of the haill gudes that salhappin to be within the saidis schippis, creares, and boittis, to the effect that with the respondeof the said inventare, the collectour of the said schoir maill may the better mak compt and rakning of the said collectioun, under the pane of fyve pundis *toties quoties;* and tua schillingis to bepayed to the clerk for ilk entrie be the boitmaister.

27 *June* 1603.

Wattir of Forthe.

Anent the supplicatione gevin be James Duncansoun, redare and vicare of Striviling, concerning the tyme of entrie and af leving of the salmond fisch-

ing in the water of Forthe, and uptaking of maillis and unlawes at the fischeris entrie thairto, and certane uther abuses in the said watter, as the supplicatione beiris; the said James being personalie present, on the ane pairt, and William Edmond and Robert Robertsoun als Tennent, watter baillies of the said watter, siclyke personalie present, on the uther pairte, the prouest, baillies and counsall, convenit, being weill and ryplie advyset with the said supplicatione, findis and declaires that the saidis watter baillies hes done wrang in nocht suffering the fischeares of the said watter frelie to haif enterit to the said fisching this last yeir at the ordiner tyme prescrivit thairto be the act of parliament,[1] viz., at Andersmes the last day of November last bipast, and thairfoir ordinis the saidis watter baillies, now present and tocum, to suffer and permit the saidis fischeares frelie to enter to the said salmond fisching in all tyme cuming yeirlie at the said day callit Andersmes day, but payment of ony maill or dewtie to the said watter baillies; and ordinis the saidis watter baillies present and tocum to discharg and stay all fischeares within the tounes fredome fra all furder fisching yeirlie with the fiftene day of August, callit of ald the Assumptioun of our Ladie, under the panes contenit in the actis of parliament; and ordinis the saidis watter baillies present and tocum to do thair exact diligence yeirlie in putting of our Soverane lordis actis of parliament concerning the Settirdayis slope,[2] and remanent actis quhatsumever anent the libertie of the said fisching to dew executione, under the panes thairin contenit; and declaires that the jurisdictioun of the saidis watter baillies present and tocum owir the saidis fischares is nor salbe na farder extendit owir thame bot to caus thame keip count and plaint gif they be requiret thairto allanerlie. Wattir of Forthe.

18 *July* 1603.

Johne Murray of Touchadam, provest, [bailies and council], Duncan Patersoun, Andro Cowane, merchandis, and Johnne Henrysoun, baxter, ald convenare, being convenit in the counsalhous of the said burgh, entreating upoun the common effaires thairof, all in ane voce, voited, concludit and ordinit, that with all possible and convenient diligence thair salbe ane taxatione and stent of the Stent for the shoir.

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[1] 1424, c. 12. Acts of Parliament, vol. ii., p. 7.

[2] 1185, c. 10. "The watir aw to be fre sua that na man thar sal tak fish fra the Saterday at evyn quhil Mononday at the son be risyn." —*Ibid.*, vol. i., p. 374.

Stent for the shoir.

soume of aucht hundrethe merkis money for making and biging of ane peir and bulwark to the schoir and heavin of this burgh, upliftit of the haill inhabitantis thairof.

19 *July* 1603.

James Gardner, stents.

James Gairdner, burges of the said burgh, for the love and favour quhilk he hes and beiris to the commoun weill of this burgh, [renounced the exemption purchased or granted to him and consented from thenceforth to be] stentit with the remanent nychtbouris of this burgh, according to his rank, qualitie and trade, . . . for making, beiting, mending and uphalding of the peir, bulwark, kirk, portes, wallis, brig, and commoun calsayis of this burgh, and for the help and intertenement of the ministrie, hospitell, and scules of this burgh.

9 *September* 1603.

Pure folkis.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis the haill strainger pure presentlie within this burgh to be removit furth thairof upoun Fryday nixtocum, and to be haldin furth of the toun induring the kirkis and counsallis will, and for this effect ordinis tua watchmen to be conducet and fiet, ane be the kirk and ane uther be the toun, for outkeping of the said pure during the said space.

Brig porte.

Ordinis the brig porte to be locket nychtlie at ten houris, and the keyes thairof to be brocht oulklie to ane bailyie.

19 *September* 1603.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis fra this furthe the barres yett, burrow mylne, the plane treis, and Balnabrecht, to be daylie keipt and attendit on be the nychtbouris and inhabitantes of this burgh as followis, viz., tua at the barres yett, tua at the burrow mylne, ane at the plane treis, and ane at Balnabrecht; and that na straingeris be sufferit to haif acces or entrie at the saidis passages, without sufficient testimonialles, and this ordour to be quarterlie kepit throuch the haill toun, begynnand at the first quarter.

9 *October* 1603.

Counsall, [extra members.]

The provest, baillies and counsall of this burgh, at request of my lord provest, and haifing consideratione of the extraordiner grite and wechtie effaires that ar liklie to fall out and occur within this burgh this yeir tocum, hes thairfoir electit and chosin Umphra Cunyngham, vicare of Kilmacolme, and Anthone Bruce, portioner of Levelandis, in extraordinare persones of the

counsall of this burgh for this yeir tocum, but prejudice of the tounes libertie and custome of electioun in tyme cuming. Lykeas the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, at desyre of the deacones of craftis of this burgh, hes grantit uther tua persones to be extraordinare counsallouris for this yeir tocum, quhome the saidis deacones sall nominat and present the nixt counsall day, but prejudice likewyis of thair libertie and custoume of electioun in tyme cuming. Counsall, [extra members.]

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes voted and ordinit Johnne Ker, tailyeour, Johnne Harte, Thomas Thomesoun, cordiner, Andro Richartsoun, wricht, Mareon Graham, relict of umquhile Robert Scott, tailyeour, and Christian Ker, dochter of umquhile Robert Ker, merchand, burges of this burgh, to be all placet in the hospitell of this burgh for thair lyftymes; and the saidis Christiane Ker and Mareon Graham, ilk ane of thame, to haif half levrey. John Ker and others enterit in the hospitell.

24 *October* 1603.

In presens of the provest, baillies and counsall, of this burgh, convenit for the tyme, it wes voited, concludit and ordinit, that with all possible diligence, thair salbe ane lichter boitt provydit to the heavin and schoir of this burgh, and for that effect apointis James Schort to aggrie with ane wricht thair foir, and the toun to relieve him thairof. Ane lichter boitt to be biggit.

Sett to Williame Stanehope in Salt Prestoun and Johnne Stanehope, his brother, the custome new and auld, with the anchorage and schoir silver, of all tymber cuttit and to be cuttit be thame in Murrayes wode this yeir bigane and thir foure yeiris to cum, with the haill bark and beuche thairof, and farder salang as it salhappin the said wode to be in cutting and quhilk salhappin to be transportet and cariit be thame throw this burgh to the schoir thairof, for payment [of 100 merks]. Custome of Murrayis wode.

18 *November* 1603.

The provest, baillies and counsall of this burgh, ordinis fra this furth na inhabitant within this burgh present thair maill cheildrene, of quhatsoever age they be of, to ony uther scole within this burgh uther nor to the grammer scole thairof, presentlie teachit be maister Alexander Yule, maister of the same, bot that all the saidis maill cheildrene be presentit fra this furth to the said maister Alexander Yule for the better florishing of the said grammer scole induring the counsallis will; and for the bettir executione of this act, James Grammer scole.

Grammer scole.

Duncansoun and Nicoll Murdoch, now teacheris of the Ingles scolles, being personallie present, become actit and oblest of thair awin consentis fra this furth to ressave na kynd of maill childrene, nather tounes bairnes nor utheris, within thair scoles, ilk ane of thame under the pane of ten pundis to be unforgevin, and farder to haif thair scole durris staiket up.

12 *March* 1604.

Schollares loft in kirk.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, findis gude that the schollares laft in the kirk be reformed and inlarged at the sicht of the minister and sic eldares of the kirk as he craves to be adjoyned to him.

Lofte in kirk.

Findis gude and ordinis ane lofte to be maid betuix the laird of Gardenes lofte and my lord Cambuskennethes lofte; and, with consent of my lord Cambuskenneth, ordines ane dur to be putt furth throw his loft to the said new lofte, provyding the expenssis thairof be defrayed be the provest and baillies of thair reddiest unlawes.

Act for Colonell Edmond.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing ressavit of befoir fra James Kinros of Kippenros, in name and behalf of the richt honorabill Sir William Edmond, colonell of the Scottis regiment in the law cuntreis the soume of fyve hundreth pundis Scottis, deduceand thairof the soume of aucht pundis iij s. iiij d., and that in the spacies of gold and obligatiounis underwrittin, that is to say, [57 half nobles and "aucht haill Utrik nobles,"—£304 3s. 4d.; an obligation by Robert Edmond, merchant, burges of Stirling, £159; in the hands of Christopher Porterfeild, £28 13s. 4d.; making in all £491 16s. 8d.] Mair, ressavit fra him ane obligatione granted be Sir James Sandelandis of Slamannan, knycht, . . . ane hundreth and fiftie gudlingis, at tuentie stures the gudling. Quhilkis soumes of money particularlie abone specifiit the said Sir William Edmond haiffing dedicat to the pure of this burgh, for the manifold merceis of God bestowit on him, it pleasit him laitlie, in the moneth of November last bipast, to direct and send to ws with umquhile Johnne Portuous the foirnamit first soume of five hundreth pundis, with the said Sir James Sandelandis obligatione of ane hundreth and fiftie gudlingis foirsaid; and the said Johnne of quhat mynd we knaw nocht, haifing conceillit fra ws the foirnamit soume and obligatione, with the said Sir Williames missive lettre direct to ws thairanent, be the space of ane moneth and mair or thairby eftir his arryving thairwith in this cuntrie, quhill thaireftir at the

plesour of God he tuik seiknes and depairtit this lyff, but ony significatione maid be him to ws thairof, sua that, be providence of God, gif James Kinros, elder of Kippenros, had nocht instantlie the tyme of the said umquhile Johnnes deceis, or immediatlie thairefter, upoun sum informatione maid to him be thame that wer in cumpanie with the said umquhile Johnne the tyme of his hame cuming in presens of his awin brother and utheris quha wer present for the tyme, had nocht apprehendit under the said Johnes bedsyde ane purs with the haill gold abonespecifiit thairintill, and the tua obligationes foirsaidis, with the missive lettre direct to ws thairanent, as the said James Kinros hes declairit to ws upoun his honour, quhilk we notifie to the said Sir William and all utheris quhome it effeiris. . . . Lykeas we the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, being glaidlie movit with the said Sir Williame Edmondis maist loving and cheritable dealing toward ws, quhome utherwyis be his valorous lyf he hes sa heichlie honorit and advancit, that of the lyke nor na uthir birthe few or nane heis heirtofoir preceidit, gevis thairfoir to him maist hairtlie thankis and wishes that God wald continew and multiplie his blessingis on him. Lykeas, with all convenient diligence, we faithfullie promitt to bestow and wair the foirnamit soumes of money upon the particulare use destinat and apointit thairto be the said Sir William conforme to his missive lettre direct to ws thairanent and informatione sent be him to Archibald Allane, thesaurare, for that effect.

Act for Colonell Edmond

19 *March* 1604.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, findis gude and concludes that for the bettir biging of the schoir and peir of this burgh thair salbe ane lichter boitt provydet and coft for careing of stanes and uther materiallis thairto, and committis the bying and provisioun of the said boitt to James Schorte, baillie, and Duncan Patersone, deane of gild, and assignis to thame for that effect [300 merks of fore maill to be paid for the grass of the Brighauch for three years, with 112 merks to be paid for the anchorage and shore maill].

Act anent the lichter boitt.

16 *April* 1604.

[The dean of guild on behalf of the guild brethern, and deacon convener on behalf of the craftismen, submitted themselves to the provost and bailies] anent the devyding and pairting of the tuentie tua stand of armour quhilkis ar to be sauld and dispersit amangis the inhabitantis of this burgh.

Anent the corslattis and pikis.

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Apointis Duncan Paterson and Archibald Smyth commissioneris for St. Johnestoun to ressave the threttie ane stand of armour quhilk the toun hes componit for with Johnne Jamesoun, factour to Sir Michaell Balfour of Burlie, knicht, and to do with him thairanent as they sall think expedient.

2 *May* 1604.

Anent the Pest.

It is statut and ordenit that, becaus of the present infectioun of Edinburgh in the pest and plaig, and for bettir keiping of this burgh, gif it pleis God, that the portis and wthir comoun placis of this burgh be keipit be the nychtbouris, and that na inhabitantis of this burgh resaif in thair hous na persone nor personis, wagaboundis, nor na maner of persone quhill first thai cum to the bailye of the quarter, wnder the pane of deid; and that the drum gang throw the town and mak intimatioun heirof; and that na inhabitant within this burgh pas fra this furth to Edinburgh without licence, and that na persone within this burgh pres or presume to cum in to the said burgh att ony pairt thairof bott att the portis onlie; and also that all nychtbouris repair and mend thair yard heidis and bak yettis, to the effect that na persone cum ouir or in thairatt.

Williame Huton, cuik, banist.

William Huttoun, cuik, for streking of Johne Brown, officer, in presens of William Ednem, bailye, is ordenit be the haill counsall to be banist this burgh, and gif he entir in the samin at ony tym heireftir without licence, for the first to be scurgitt, and thaireftir gif he entir agane eftir he be scurgit, to be hangitt; and dischargis all inhabitantis within the said burgh to resaif him in thair housis, or intertein him thairin att ony tym, under the pane of ten li.; and that intimatioun be made heirof be the drum ganging throw the town; and thai that hes nocht ten pundis to pey, or is nocht worth the said unlaw, to be scurgitt; to the quhilk he consentit be cumin in thair will.

1 *June* 1604.

Commissioner to Glasgw; pest.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis Archibald Allane, thesaurare, this same day to ryde toward Glasgw, and thair to try thair estaitt anent the plaigue, and to reporte the same the morne.

Abbay furde and blak willie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, findis gude and concludes that the furde at the bak of the abbay and besyd the blak willy be red and clenget of the stanes that lyis thairintill and stopes the passage of the same, and this to

be done upoun the help of the haill nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh; and apointes James Short and Duncane Patersoun to be seares of the wark and furnessouris of warklomes thairto upoun the tounes expenssis. Abbay furde and blak willie.

4 *June* 1604.

For bettir ordour to be keipit within this burgh during the tym of this present plaigue, it is ordinit that quarter maisteris [be] joyned to the baillies, and for that effect hes chosin [four persons for each of the four quarters]; quhilkis persones abone writtin the counsall makes and constitutes baillies in that pairte for checking of the ordiner watches and causing of thame to attend on thair charges, and for ressaving of testimoniallis and debarring of all suspect persones fra entres within this burgh, and for visiting the haill nychtbouris in the tyme of seiknes or suspicione of seiknes; with power to the saidis quarter maisteris to inclose and putt furth at thair plesour, and to do all uther thingis requisite for ane gude and substantious ordour to be keipit and usit during the tym of this present plaigue. Anent the pest.

18 *June* 1604.

Nominates and apointis Duncane Patersone, deane of gild, commissioner to pas to Edinburgh, with power to present to the provest [and] baillies thairof the missive lettre to be penned anent the contraversie betuix the toun and thame. Duncan Patersone direct to Edinburgh.

16 *July* 1604.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordines that fra this furth na inhabitant of this burghe tak upoun hand to resorte and travell toward the burgh of Edinburgh, Cannogait, Leyth, Dalkeyth, nor na uther suspect place, but leve of the provest and baillies or ony tua of thame, the provest being always ane, under the pane of tuentie pundis, and to be debarred fra all acces within the toun at thair returne; and that the portmen and kepares ressave nor admitt nane within thair portis cummand fra ony suspect place, under the said pane, unles the provest and baillies be first advertesett. Anent the pest.

James Schort, baillie, commissioner to the lait conventioun of burrowes, and Johnne Williamson, clerk, commissioner to the parliament, for report of the effares done in the said parliament and conventioun, declairit that for the outreiking of commissioneris for the parte of burrowes to England, to the nomber Stent, unioun.

Stent, unioun.

of sevin persones, for entreatting in the mater of the unioun, the burrowes hes voluntarlie consentit and aggreit to ane taxatioun of the soume of sextene thousand merkes, to be upliftit of the haill burrowes conform to the stent roll betwix this and the fift day of August nixtocum; for quhilk effect the provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis ane tax roll to be maid of that pairte of the said taxatione, extending to the soume of tua hundreth and thrie scoir pundis, tharof the merchandis the ane half, but prejudice of thair ald libertie, and the craftismen and *omnigaddrum* the uther half.

17 *December* 1604.

Act anent the *Omnigadrum.*

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, that fra this furth in all tyme cuming thair salbe joyned, yeirlie, to the counsall of this burgh, tua of the ald merchand bailleis, and tua of the *omnigaddrum*, as extraordiner persones of counsall, conforme to use and wount; and thairfoir, of the *omnigadrum* this yeir they haif electit and chosin Johne Cunynghame and Andro Kilbowie; and ordinis the deane of gild to present tua ald baillies the nixt counsall day.

21 *January* 1605.

Anent the lichter.

The counsall committis the charge and oursicht of the lichter to James Schorte for this yeir to cum, and modifeis the fraucht of hir to Alloway and Airth, be fremen to xlvj s. viij d., and be straingeris to iij li. vj s. viij d.; to the paittis, be fremen, xxvj s. viij d., and be straingeris xl s.; and that by the mennis wages that sall labour and roll; to the bak of the abbay, be fremen xxvj s. viij d., and be straingeres xl s.; by the wark mennis wages, to be payed be thame that sall employ the lichter.

4 *February* 1605.

Schoir maill and anchorage to be sett for xxj yeiris.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing consideratione of the grite charges and expenssis that ar yit requisite to the perfyting of the schoir and peir of this burgh, and how unable the toun is to sustene and do the same without supporte and help be tymouslie provydit tharto, thairfoir it is statute and ordinit that the schoir maill and anchorage of this burgh be sett for the space of tuentie ane yeiris for foir maill to be payed thairfoir in hand, to be employed on the said schoir as the counsall sall apoint.

Ordinis Archibald Allane, thesaurer, to lay to materiallis of stane, tymber, lyme and sand, to the almoushous in the heid of the Bak Raw, quhilk salbe allowit to him in the first end of his intromissioun with the silver destinat and apointit thairto be Colonell Edmond. Anent the almoushous.

22 *April* 1605.

Ordanes that everie persone that enteris to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild of this burgh fra this furth sall pay to the thesaurare the soume of lx li., and siclyk that everie persone that enteris to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges, nocht being ane nychtbouris sone, sall pay the soume of viij li. Act anent the enterie of nychtbouris.

3 *May* 1605.

The baillies, counsall and deacones of craft, convenit, ordinis fra this furthe the brig porte to be daylie keipit and watchet for the bettir preservatione of the toun fra this feirfull plaig of pest quhairwith sindrie pairtes of Fyff ar now, at the plesour of God, infectit, and that tua keipares be putt to the said porte quarterlie throw the haill toun, to begin at the north eist quarter; and ordinis publicatione to be maid heirof be the drum or bell that nane be sufferit to haif entres at the said brig porte cuming fra Sanctandrois, Seres, Kirkaldy, Kinghorne, and Torryburne; and ordinis all strainger pure to be putt and haldin af the toun. Anent the pest.

27 *May* 1605.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, convenit, ratifies and appreves the act and ordinance of the sessioun of the kirk anent the breking of the flure in the eist end of the kirk for buriall of ony corpes thairintill, quhairby it is provydet that in cais ony persoun will presume obstinatlie to do in the contrair, they sall pay *ad pios vsus*, befoir the breking of the eirthe, the soume of fourtie pundis money; and ordinis the said act to be observit and keipit in all tyme cuming. Anent the buriall in the kirk.

It is statute and ordinit that, heireftir, na banisched persoun be resett nor reponit to thair libertie agane within this burghe unto the tyme licence be had of the provest, baillies and counsall thairto, gif the banischment be for a civill caus, and of the sessioun of the kirk gif it be for ony caus belangand to thair discipline. Anent banisched persones.

It is statute and ordinit that fra this furthe na inhabitant within this burgh tak upoun hand to by in grite and tap out in small ony tymber, victuell, viveres, or uther unstaple waires that salhappin to cum be sey upoun aventure seikand mercatt to the schoir of this burgh, or to ony pairte abone the Rudder brig. Tapping tymber, victuall, viveris, etc.

21 *October* 1605.

Precentor's feall.

Ordeanes Archibald Allane, thesaurare, to pay yeirlie to Moses Fergussoun, in feall, for uptaking of the psalmes within the kirk of this burgh, the soume of fourtie pundis yeirlie.

4 *April* 1606.

Anent the schoir.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, allowes and approves James Schorte, maister of wark to the shoir, in his discharge of the said wark sa far as yit is proceidit thairintill; and gif ony nychtbour traduce and sclander the said James of the neglect of ony point of the said wark in contrair the tennour of this his approbatione thairof foirsaid, the persone, traducer and sclanderare of him, sall pay for the first falt fyve pundis, and for the secund falt ten pundis, and utherwyis wardit and punishit in thair persones at the will of the counsall; and ordinis publicatione to be maid heirof be bell or drum that nane pretend ignorance thairof.

23 *June* 1606.

Servandis to be sent to the schoir.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordinis for the bettir reparatione of the shoir, that thair be aucht serving men or wemane daylie and ilk day sent to the schoir be the inhabitantis of this burgh, as they salbe warnit be the baillie of thair quarter, for bering of red as the maister of wark sall direct to thame; and gif ony nychtbour refuis to send ane servand, being requirit, ordinis fyve shillingis to be poyndit that thairwith ane uther may be feit in thair places; and siclike ordinis ane gildbrother and ane craftisman to attend ilk ane of thame thair day about on the work of the shoir, under the pane of ten s. to be poyndit of the dean of gild and convener for the contravener.

4 *August* 1606.

Anent the kirk.

Nominates and apointes James Short [and five others] to visit the ile called Patersones ile, and to report thair advyse how the kirk foiranent the said ile salbe theikit, and to meitt this day and to reporte on Fryday nixtocum.

Almoushous.

Ordinis Archibald Allane, thesaurare, to borrow tua hundreth pundis on proffite, quhill Mertimes nixtocum, to sett fordwart the wark of the almoushous.

16 *October* 1606.

Pest, lugis.

The saidis provest, balyeis and counsall, band and obleist tham and thair successouris to warrand, relief, and keip skaithles Archibald Allane, thair

thesaurer, of the sowm of xlviij li. money for the price of j^c daillis bocht att thair command fra Georg Norvell and Alexander Patersoun, tobe lugis to thair diseisit and seik personis in the Brighauch, in the present visitatioun. Pest, lugis.

30 *January* 1607.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis the haill effaires that salhappin fra this furth to be intreated in counsall to be inrollit and callit be the roll ordourlie as it salbe left att, begynnand at the effaires of the kirk and Goddis service, thaireftir of the toun, and last at sic particulares as sall occur. Effaires intreated in counsall.

Ordinis the baillie of ilk quarter agane the nixt counsall day to visite thair quarteris and to tak up ane cathologe of all the persones quhais houssis hes bene infectit of this visitatione of the pest, with the nomber of the persones deceissit and of thame quha hes mendit of that seiknes, that ordour may be tane thairwithe. Pest.

9 *February* 1607.

In presens of the provest and baillies and counsall, convenit, thair is producet be ilk baillie a roll of all persones deceissit in his awin quarter in this last visitatione of pest, to the number of sex hundreth [*blank*] persones in the haill, by and attour the number of [*blank*] persones quha amendit and convalessit of the seiknes.. Pest; roll of persones deceissit.

14 *February* 1607.

Ordinis the haill clengeares, except James Broun, to be clenget and send hame, and ordinis the thesaurer to gif thame drink silver at the provest and baillies discretione. Clengeares.

Johnne Williamsone is suorne in the office of clerkship for this yeir tocum, as use is, and the counsall ratifies all thingis that he hes done sen the tym of his last admissioun. Clerk.

13 *February* 1607.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing consideratione of the grete desolatione of this burghe this yeir bigane be resson of the pest, quhairthrow thair hes bene litell or na tred within the samyn during the tyme of the said seiknes, thairfoir defalkis and discharges to the takismen of the tounes customes and rentis underwrittin as eftir followis, [to the executouris of umquhile Janet Neilsoun, of the peckis sett for £45, £11, 9s. 2d.; to Archibald Smythe, for the gait dichtingis sett for 140 merks, 60 merks; to the executouris of Act anent the tounes rent.

Act anent the tounes rent.

umquhile Johne Young, for the fische skemmillis sett for £6, 30s.; to George Aikman and Johne Crawfurde, for the small customes sett for £120, £40]. . .

20 *February* 1607.

Anent burges fynes.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordinis that in tyme cuming the burges and fyne of extranear burgessis salbe sextene pundis, but ony downgeving; and burges bairnes to pay conforme to the last act, viz., foure pundis.

9 *March* 1607.

Laurence Thomsoun and otheris in will for troublance.

Laurence Thomsoun, George Cairnes, David Wilsoun, Patrik Alexander, and William Robertsoun, baxteris, become in the counsallis will for inquieting the toun on Fryday last at nicht, be moking of the buriallis of thame quha deit of the pest, in hie contempt of God.

20 *March* 1607.

Baxteris, punishment.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, declaires thair will on Laurence Thomsoun, baxter, and his complices as followis, viz., that on ane mercatt day the said Laurence salbe cariet in ane sled throw the toun, beir futtit and beir heidit, with ane quhite sark on him and ane paper on his heid beiring the caus of his punishment, and the rest of his complices to gang beir futtit and beir heidit throw the toun, and thaireftir to be brocht and bund at the croce, to stand thair during the baillies will.

William Donaldsones punishment.

William Donaldsoun confessit that on Mononday last, the sextene day of Marche instant, he dispersonit Johnne Scherare, baillie, in his office, saying gif he war out of his bailliarie he sould haif said mair to him; and being charget and committet to waird thairfoir, confessit that he brak waird and eshepit furth of the tolbuth, and thaireftir being commandit to wairde agane be Archibald Smyth, bailly, disobeyit and withstud him in his office, drew and myntet ane suord to him, and preissit to haif eshepit furth of his handis, and gaif him mony injurous wordis; for the quhilkis offences he becomes in the provest, baillies, and counsallis will; quha being advyset thairwith be thair will declaires and ordinis the said William Donaldsoun to be putt thairfoir in the irones, and thaireftir to be kepit in fast waird on breid and watter induring the provest and baillies will, and ay and quhill they find him penitent for his offences, and to pay to the commoun wark of the toun the soume of fourtie

pundis, and at his releif out of wairde sall find caution never to committ trublance agane within this burgh, under the pane of ane hundreth pundis for the first falt and the nixt falt, and for the nixt falt to be banishet the toun, and to seik the saidis tua bailleis forgivenes at the croce. William Donaldsones punishment.

23 *March* 1607.

The baillies and counsall convenit, ordinis fra this furth, ilk officiar his xv dayes about, to keip the keyes of the tolbuith, and to be ansuerable during that space for the saidis keyes, and to suffer nane to haif acces to the wairderis but leve of the baillies, under the pane of deprivatione of the saidis officiares of thair offices. Keyes of the tolbuithe.

6 *April* 1607.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing consideratione of the grite panes and travellis tane be maister Patrik Symsone in his office of ministrie in the kirk of God within this burgh thir [*blank*] yeiris bygane, and that the said maister Patrik throw his extraordiner panes and travellis is now becum unable him allane to discharge the cure of his said ministrie, and the said provest, baillies and counsall, being weill pleaset and satisfyt with the literature, knawleg, and giftis of maister Robert Mure, thinkes him meitt and able to serve in the office of a secund minister of this burghe, desyres thairfoir the said maister Patrik Symsoun to travell and deale with the said maister Robert Mure, quhairby he may be inducet to accept on him the said ministrie, and for that effect to offir to him in the tounes name ane stipend of tua hundreth pundis yeirlie. Anent maister Robert Mure, minister.

Discharges Archibald Soirlie and Andro Fergussoun, officiares, of thair saidis offices, and of all farder using thairof in tyme cuming, and ordinis thame to be putt in the irones to remane thairin dureing the provest and baillies willis, and that for the wrang and injurie done be thame to maister Johnne Aissoun, minister, in wairding of him but command or directioun of the magistrattis. Officiares wairding a minister.

1 *May* 1607.

The baillies, counsall and deacones of craftis of this burgh, being convenit in the tolbuith thairof to entreate upoun the commoun effaires of the same, and considering that it being the gude will and plesour of God laitlie to visite this burgh with the feirfull seiknes and contagioun of pest, the cours quhairof began Stent of ij^{m} merkis; pest.

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sa violent that, for stanching the same, the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh for the tyme, wer forcett to send for ane grite number of clengeares furth of the pairtes of Edinburgh, Linlythqw and Leyth, with quhome conditione and pactioun was maid that for thair travellis they sould haif had ane certane grite soume of money, quhairof as yit they haif gottin nor can get na payment; and thairwith considering the grite soumes of money quhairintill the thesaurare of this burgh is superexpendit of the commoun rent thairof in furnessing of ludges, elding to the caldrones, and uther materiallis necessar to the clengeing, besyde the grite expenssis disbursit be him in susteining ane grite number of pure, baithe within and without the toun in the hauche; and knawing na bettir nor uther meane how to releif and defray the saidis grite chargis and expenssis nor be uplifting ane stent of the soume of money underwrittin; thairfoir the saidis baillies, counsall, and deacones of craft of this burghe, representing the haill commounitie, all in ane voce, votes, concludis and ordinis for relief of the soumes of money abonespecefijt that thair salbe ane stent of the soume of tua thousand merkis usuall money of Scotland raised and uplifted of the haill inhabitantes of this burghe betuix the day and dait heirof and the first day of Junij nixtocum.

20 *July* 1607.

Drummer and pyper.

Ordinis the thesaurare to provyde and furnes George Crawfurde, drummare, and Johnne Forbes, pyper, ilk ane of thame, with breikis and schankis of ryd stemmyng.

25 *September* 1607.

Maister of scole.

Anent the supplicatione gevin in be maister Alexander Yule, maister of the grammer scole, makand mentioun that forsamekle as he hes barganit with Adame Abercrombie for the few of ane of his town landis in Ireland, the transsumpt of quhais richt and placing sum servandis thair and accomplishment of uther necesser turnes will craif his awin presens the space of nyne or ten oulkis thairby, the doctour and pedagoges during this tyme will hald the bairnes exercesit in leirning the lections of thair authouris he hes pairtlie alreddie teachet thame, and will farder follow furthe, desyres thair licence for the said spaice, or farder as his necessitie sall require, utherwyis it will redound to his grite hurt. The counsall continewis the ansuer of his supplicatione to the nixt counsall day.

1 *February* 1608.

James Finlasoun, of his awin consent, for infirmitie and disease of bodie, banishes and exyles him self this burgh; and gif he be fund within the same agane to be scurgit for the first falt and hangit for the nixt falt, except he obtene the counsallis gude will and licence thairto. James Fynlasouns banishment.

18 *April* 1608.

Statutes and ordinis that fra this furth the kairteris and sledmen of this burgh tak na mair for thair cariage fra the shoir nor efter followis, viz., for ane single dracht of tymber, stanes, and uthir waris, ten d.; for ane double dracht, tuentie d.; for ane punshoun of wyne, iiij s.; for ane pipe of sek, x s.; ane pak of mader, x s.; ane les pak vj s. viij d.; ane bun of beir, xvj d.; ane barrell of Osmond wine, xx d.; and ane leid of lyme and victuall, viij d.; under the pane of five pund of unlaw, *toties quoties.* Kairteris and sledmen.

30 *May* 1608.

Apointes Christopher Alexander and Johne Williamson commissioneris to pas to the counsall in Linlythqw, thair to intreate and deale with thame for sum ease and ordour to be tane anent the raid apointet towardis the Iles. Raid to the Iles.

6 *June* 1608.

Apointis Duncan Patersone, den of gild, to beir the townis ansenyie or standart on the xiiij day of Junij instant, quhilk is the wapinschawin day; and the nixt wapinschawin day, quhen it hapinis, the berer of the said ansenyie to be siclyk chosin be the counsall, in all yeiris cuming. Beiring of the townis ansenyie.

27 *June* 1608.

The provest, baillies, and counsall of this burghe, haifing consideratioune that thair is sindrie persones, induellares of this burgh, quha sittis up, under cloude of nicht, drinking and playing in uther mennis houssis and disabusing thame selfis, to the offence of God and evill exemple of nychtbouris; thairfoir it is statut and ordinit that na person nor personis, induellaris within this burgh, nor utheris resorting thairto, tak upoun hand fra this furthe to sit up drinking or playing or walking on the strettis eftir ten houris at evin. Nather yet, in thair communicationes, that they tak upoun hand to calumniate, traduce or dispersone ony of the magistrattis, or speake unreverentlie of thame, Against drinking, playing, &c.

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under the pane of fourtie pundis *toties quoties.* And that na browstare, oystlare, nor ventare of wyne or meitt, sell ather drink or meitt, nor ressait ony persone within thair houssis after the said hour, under the pane foirsaid.

Notary dispersoning a baillie.

William Young, notare, become in will for dispersoning of Johnne Scherare, baillie, in calling him base borne swyngour; and thairfoir the provest, baillies and counsall, ordinnis him to remane in waird quhill Thuresday nixtocum efter the sermone, and thaireftir to cum to the croce on his kneis and seik the said baillies forgivenes; and gif evir he do the lyke to the magistrates of this burgh he salbe banishet this burgh for evir, of his awin consent.

25 *July* 1608.

Act anent the brig.

Ordinis George Norwall, thesaurare, betuix and the last day of July instant, to caus poynt the brig sufficientlie as becumes for preventing of farder dainger thairof, under the pane of tuentie pundis to be payed be him to the commoun warkes of this burgh incais of failyie, unforgevin.

Margret Alexander breking statutis and calumniating magistrates.

Margret Alexander confessit the breking of the tounes statutes in selling of aill derer nor xij d. the pynt, for the quhilk the baillies unlawes hir in the soume of fyve pundis.

The said Margret is publictlie admonishet, in counsall, gif at ony tyme heireftir she be fund calumniating or injuring the provest, bailleis, or ony uther office berare of this burgh, sho sall sit in the brankis during sic space and in sic place as the magistratis sall think expedient.

Muk or fuilyie.

Ordines publicatione to be maid, with sound of drum, that fra this furthe na nychtbour suffer ony muk or fuilyie to ly at thair yettis or durris on the hie streittis langer nor xlviij houris unremovit or takin away, under the pane of fyve pundis to be payed, *toties quoties.*

Custome, flesheouris of Edinburgh.

For sundrie respectis, the counsall ordines fra this furthe, quhill the nixt conventioun of the burrowes, that na custome be tane at the brig nor porte fra the flesheouris of Edinburgh, and intimatioune to be maid heirof be the thesaurare to the customares.

3 *September* 1608.

Pest.

Haifing consideratione of the laitt greit and suddane infectioun of pest within the burghes of St. Johnnestoun, Bruntyland, and uther pairtes be northe the watter of Forthe, thairfoir discharges the fair approchand, callit the Latter

Ladie day, to be kepit and haldin, and ordines publicatione to be maid heirof be drum at the croce and throw the toun, that nane pretend ignorance thairof. Pest.

28 *November* 1608.

The counsell, convenit, statutes and ordines that all and quhatsumever persones, duelland within this burgh or perochine thairof, quha salhappin to be proclamit for mariage contractit betuix thame, sal mak thair brythellis and banquetis within this burgh fra this furth; and gif they falyie, being proclamit within the peroche kirk of this burgh be the ministeris thairof, and mak thair brythellis outwith the said burgh, in that cais the pairtie or pairties that salhappin to contravene sall pay to the toun the soume of tuentie pundis money; provyding alwayis that this act be onlie extendit aganes the men and women quha salhappin to be joyned in marriage baith duelland within this burgh or perochine thairof; and gif ony persone duelland within this burgh marie ane outland woman, in that cais it is statute and ordinite that it sall nocht be lesum to him to desyre any ma persones nychtbouris of the said burgh nor tuentie persones, and gif it be fund or tryed that he dois in the contrair, in that cais he sall pey to the toun the soume of ten pundis; and willis the kirk, befoir they grant testimoniall, to tak ane pand thairfoir. Lykeas, gif any outland man mary any woman duelland within this burgh, in that cais the brythell or banquet salbe maid within this burghe, and gif the woman contravene thairintill, in that cais sall pey uther xx pundis, and willis that befoir ony testimoniall be grantet be the minister or redder, or yit that mariage be solemnizite, that they tak ane pand for the said soume. Act anent brythellis.

5 *December* 1608.

Undirstanding the grit decay of the present estait of the kirk and emenent danger and ruing thairof, for eschewing of the samin and that remeid may be tymouslie provydit, it is thocht meit that thair be ane sufficient honest man everie Sonday to stand att the kirk dure and thair to craif and seik, for uphalding and reparatioun of the said kirk, of the charitie and benevolence of the intrantis thairin and perochineris; and desyris the sessioun of the kirk to interpone thair auctoritie heirto. Kirk.

The lichter boit sett for this yeir to cum to Mertemes nixtocum to Duncan Watsone, for the sowm of fiftie thrie pundis sax s. viiij d. to be payit quarterlie Lichter boit.

Lichter boit.

to the thesaurer; prowyding that he serve the town to the peir with tuelf lichter full of stanis to the schoir without ony payment; and that he sett nor ws nocht the lichter to na persone nor personis to putt stanis thairin; and that he sall redelyiver hir agane att the said terme in als gud estait and conditioun as he resaifis hir now.

19 *December* 1608.

Almoushous.

Discharges the maister of the hospitall to ansuer ony of the beidmen thairof of thair rentis and portiones fra this furth except they mak actuall residence within the hospitall hous.

20 *February* 1609.

Alexander Sklaitter, chirurgiane.

The baillies and counsall, advysit, suspendis and discharges Alexander Sklaitter of all farder using and exercesing the office and cure of ane chirurgiane fra this furth quhill they be farder testifijt of his knawledge and sufficiencie, under the pane of banishment.

13 *March* 1609.

Writing schole.

The provest, baillies and counsell, for sindrie gude caussis moving thame, discharges Johnne Mathesoun of all farder teaching and keping of ane writting schole within this burghe, quhilk discharge the said Johnne acceptit and promesed to obey.

2 *April* 1609.

Johnne Scott unlawit.

Johnne Scott, tennent to Andro Lowrie, becumes in will for ryving up of the tounes commontie and the kingis hie gait in the burrow mure, for the quhilk he is unlawit in the soum of fyve pundis to be unforgevin.

Anent the burrowmuir.

Ordinis the heritouris and possessouris of the aikeris on baithe sydes of the ald and new mure to cast thair seuches and dykes fornent thair awin landis betuix this and the last day of July nixtocum, ilk ane under the pane of fyve pundis, at the sicht of the birlamen.

Grammer scole.

Apointes John Sherare, baillie, [and three others], commissioneris to deale with Mr. Alexander Yule for sum solide ordour to be tane for causing of the grammer schole of this burgh to flurishe in tyme cuming, and for that effect to try and heir the said Mr. Alexanderis greves with his awin advyse for remeid thairof, als lykewyis to propone to him the tounes greves with the said commissioneris awin advys for the best remeid thairof that they can find thairanent.

24 *July* 1609.

James Wallace, merchand, being convenit befoir the bailleis and counsall for vilipending of Johne Scherare, baillie, in presens of the haill counsall, in saying he wald nocht gif ane slaffart for his kyndnes, comperit and confessit the same, and thairfoir cravit him and the haill counsall forgevnes, and obleist him that gif in ony tyme heireftir he vilipendit or misbehavit himself to the saidis baillies or ony of tham, ather in counsall or furth thairof, aither be word or deid, in that cais to pay to the thesaurare to the commoun warkis tuentie pundis *toties quoties.* Act, James Wallace vilipending.

5 *September* 1609.

Johnne M'Williame confessit disobedience done be him to Christopher Alexander, baillie, in the executioun of his office, be presenting to him ane drawine quhinger, and becum in will thairfoir, and wes ordinit to pas to the mercate croce, and thair on his kneis to crave God and the said Christopher forgevenes of the said offence, and of his awin consent actis himself gif heireftir he be fund giltie of the lyk cryme, he sall amitt and tyne his friedome and be banishit this burgh for ever. M'Williame disobedience.

5 *February* 1610.

Nominates and electes Archibald Allane, younger, in maister of wark to the outredding and perfyting of the new almoushous; and ordines sum craftismen to be joyned to him, quhome he sall chois. Maister of wark to the almushous.

16 *February* 1610.

Andro Fergussoun, deacone of the cordineris, confessit ane falt in dispersoning and contemning of Walter Cowane, baillie, in doing of his office, and become thairfoir in will of the counsall, be quhome he is sharplie reprovit and admonishet in cais he be fund in the like falt agane he salbe declared incapable of ony office bering within this burgh. Dispersoning a baillie.

26 *February* 1610.

Nominates and apointes Archibald Allane, younger, commissioner to pas with maister Robert Mure, ane of the ministeris of this burghe, to his Maiesteis commissioneris, and to the bischopes and the commissioneris of the general assemblie of the kirk in thair meeting at Edinburgh, the (*blank*) day of Marche nixtocum, and thair to testifie in the tounes name that they ar weill pleased Mr. Robert Mure.

Mr. Robert Mure.

with the said maister Robertes ministrie, baithe of doctrine and lyfe, and thairfoir to crave thair approbatione of the said maister Robertis ministrie, for his bettir encouragement to do his office in tyme cuming.

12 *March* 1610.

Act anent Donaldsones.

Ordines Johnne, William, and James Donaldsones, to be inhibit and discharget at ony tyme heireftir during the inimitie and feid betuix thame and Duncane Patersone, deane of gild, ather to croce, pas, or repair throw the said Duncanes clos, or within ony uther the said Duncanes boundis, or yit to contend with him for the gait quhen they salhappin to meitt togidder, bot that they gif him the gaitt as becumes thame to do to ane magistrate, under the pane of ten pundis, *toties quoties.*

16 *April* 1610.

Tolbuith.

James Short, provest, [and three bailies, obliged themselves] that gif it salhappin Daniell Bryce to eschaip furth of the tolbuith of this burghe, quhairintill he wes laitlie committet be Johne Henrysoun, baillie, [to share with that bailie the loss and damage sustained thereby;] and for the better keping of the said Daniell Bryce within the said tolbuith, the counsall ordines ane wache of foure persones to be kepit nychtlie throw the haill toun.

30 *April* 1610.

Weshing in touns burne discharget.

Prohibites the haill inhabitantis of this burghe, that nane of thame tak on hand fra this furth to weshe ony claithes or uther thingis quhatsumevir in the toun burne abone Robert Patersones wark hous, ather within the toun or outwith the same, under the tounes brayes at the hospitall land occupeit be James Thomesoun, under the pane of v li. and breking of thair tubbes, *toties quoties;* and ordines publicatione to be maid be bell or drum or be the officiaris heiranent.

7 *May* 1610.

Wairdhous.

Ordanes James Robesone, thesaurer, to big up the window in the over wairdhous sufficientlie with stane and lyme, and to batt the same with yrone battis.

13 *June* 1610.

Furde.

Ordines the haill toun to be warnet be thair quarteris, how sone that the furde may be red, everie hous to send ane man thair day about to the furde

and work thairat as they salbe directet be the maisteris of wark during the tyme of the drouthe that the furde may be wrocht at, ilk hous under the pane of fyve pundis. Furde.

30 *July* 1610.

The provest, bailyeis and counsall, ordanis James Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pas to Glasgw and Dumbartane, and thair to conduce and transact with ane craftisman sklettir for theiking of the kirk and the almushous. Skletter.

28 *September* 1610.

The proveist, baillies, counsall, and deacones of craft of the burght of Striviling, representing the haill commownitie thairof, . . . being convenit in the tolbuithe of Striviling to intreate upoun the commoun effaires thairof, specialie to elect and cheis thair magistratis and counsall for this yeir to cum, compeirit ane noble and potent lord, Johne erle of Mar lord Erskyne and Gareoche, etc., commissionare in that parte, be the lordis of his Majesteis secreit counsall to the effect undirwreitin speciallie constitute, quha producet and shew to the saidis proveist, baillies and counsall, ane commissioun grantit to him be the saidis lordis of secreit counsall, gevand him speciall directioun, warrand and commissioun, to be present at the said electioun and to command in his name that the said electioun sould proceid conforme to the act of parliament, under certane greit panes at lenthe specifeit and contenit in the said commissioun. And, siclyke, compeirit James Winderhame, generall agent for the haill burrowis within this realme, quha producet and shew [an act of the general convention of burghs, dated 4th July last,[1] ordaining the burgh to conform to the acts of parliament. The magistrates, council and deacons of crafts, being thereupon required to comply with these injunctions, resolved] that now and in all tyme cuming the magistratis and counsall of the said burgh sould be chosine conforme to the saidis actis of parliament and actis of burrowis abone writtin, that is to say, the ald counsall sall cheis the new counsall this day, and yeirlie heirefter upoun Mononday preceding the Fryday befoir the feist of Michelmes; and the ald and the new counsall togidder sall this day, and yeirlie herefter upoun Fryday preceding the said feist of Michelmes, cheis the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, thesaurare and uther officiares; and that Act concerning the electioun of magistrates.

[1] Convention Records, vol. ii., p. 290.

Act concerning the electioun of magistrates.

the counsall of the said burgh sall consist and stand this yeir and yeirlie heirefter of the nomber, qualitie, and conditioun of the persones efterspecifeit, viz., of the nomber of tuentie ane persones, to wit, the proveist, the foure baillies, the deane of gild, and the thesaurare of the yeir preceding, tuelf merchandis and tua deacones of craftis adjoyned to thame, makand thairby in the haill the said nomber of tuentie ane persones of the qualitie foirsaid, to be chosine out of the leit of the persones following, viz., the tuelf merchandis of the ald counsall and uther tuelf merchandis to be joyned and put to thame be the ald counsall in leit for the merchandis, and the tua deacones of the craft of the ald counsall with the haill new deacones of craft to be joyned and put to thame in leit for the craftismen; and out of the saidis haill persones tuelf merchandis and tua craftismen to be chosine be the pluralitie of voitis out of the said ald and new counsall. And of the saidis tuelf merchandis and tua craftismen, with the ald proveist, baillies, deane of gild, and thesaurare of the yeir preceding, the new counsall of the said burgh sall consist and stand this yeir and yeirlie heirefter, to haif the full governament of all the effaires of the said burgh that yeir. And the said new counsall, being sua chosine be the said ald counsall as is befoir contenit, the said ald and new counsall, with the remanent haill deacones of craft of the said burgh, sall this day and yeirlie heirefter upoun the samyn day, being Friday preceding the said feist and terme of Michelmes, gang togidder in the counsalhous of the said tolbuith, and thair be pluralitie of voitis elect and cheis, out of the said new counsall of merchandis, the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, thesaurare, and uther officiares of the said burgh, quha being sua chosine sall than instantlie be sworne gif they be present, and failyeing thairof the nixt first day of thair meitting, that they sall leillie and trewlie exerce thair offices for that yeir to cum, as they sall ansuer to God and the Kingis majestie.

7 *January* 1611.

Act, Studeman and Dicksoun for the ministrie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, grantis thame to haif ressavit fra Robert Studeman, servitour to the Quenes Majestie, and Elizabeth Erskine als Ferreare, his spous, the soume of thrie hundreth merkis, and fra Johnne Dicksoun, sumtyme servitour to umquhile dame Annabell Murray comptes of Mar, the soume of ane hundreth merkis, usuall money of Scotland, to be imployed be the toun on rent to the help of the ministrie of this burghe; quhilk the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, obleissis thame and their successouris sa to bestow and

imploy upoun rent to the help and supporte of the ministrie of the said burghe in all tyme cuming, and sall never imploy the same to ony uther use. Lyke as, they rander to the saidis persones maist hairtlie thankes for thair cheretable and godlie benevolences, and ordines sum publict notice of memoriall to be extendit thairupon. Act, Studeman and Dicksoun for the ministrie.

11 *February* 1611.

Statutes and ordinis that, in all tymes cuming, the aires and new intrant tennentis of all landis belangand to this burghe, alsweill ald patrimonie as kirklandis annexit thairto, halden of the toun in few, sall enter thame selfis to the saidis landis be preceptis of clare constat and be resignatioune in the counsallis handis or be confirmatioune, to the effect that the toun be nocht prejuget nather of the doublingis of aires nor yet of the compositiounes of the new tennentis, as the same salbe componit be the counsall; and na baillie with the clerk gif sesing utherwyis, ilk baillie under the pane of fyve pundis and the clerk under the pane of thrie pundis. Tounes landis.

Ordinis ane watche of thrie men furthe of ilk quarter of the toun to be nychtlie kepit fra this furthe, for the space of aucht dayes nixtocum and langer induring the counsallis will, to be sett at Balnageich or quhair the baillie of the quarter sall apoint, fra nyne houris at evin quhill foure houris in the morning. Act, watche.

15 *February* 1611.

Nominates and apointes James Shorte, provest, and Johnne Sherare, baillie, commissionares for the toun to compeir befoir the counsall the xxj day of Februare instant, to ansuer to the lettres raisit aganes the toun at the instance of my lord of Mar concerning prissones and wairdhoussis. Commissionares to Edinburgh.

18 *March* 1611.

Statutes and apointes ane visitatioune of the tounes merches to be yeirlie on the Mononday nixt and immediatlie following the electioun and admissioun of the provest, baillies and counsall, and on the Mononday nixt eftir the feist of Peashe, yeirlie. Visitatione of the tounes merches.

8 *April* 1611.

Apointes ane new visitatione of the commoun gaittes and passages to the toun throw the tounes awin landis, and of the tounes commounteis, to be the xv day of Aprile instant, and ordines all pairteis haifand interes thairto to be warnet be drum to be present at the said visitatione; and ordines the thesaur- Commoun gaittes and passages.

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are to prepair merch stanes and warkmen for that effect; and the merching of the saidis gaittis nocht to be hurtfull to the toun anent the mettage of the tounes landis.

27 *May* 1611.

Burgessis fynes.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ratifies and appreves the act of counsell maid of befoir anent the compositioune of sextene pundis to be payed for the admissioun of burgessis, but ony diminutioun, in tyme cuming.

Drummer.

Ordinis the thesaurare to ansuer George Crawfurde, drummer, of ane garment of rid stemmying, with quhite pasmentis, as use is.

5 *June* 1611.

Maltmen.

The provest and bailleis, [being charged at the instance of Christopher Cairnes, baxter, to put to due execution the act of parliament, December 1567[1] against maltmen having a deacon, and also the act of convention 5 July 1602[2] against the maltmen of Stirling infringing the act,] discharges the deacoun of maltmen of this burghe and his brether of all usurpeing of the said office in tyme cumyng, and of all trubling and molesting the said Christopher Cairnes and utheris inhabitantes of this burghe, burgessis and friemen of the same, in useing and exerceing of the said tred of making of malt at thair pleasour, they keipand alwayes the lawes and statutes of this burghe; and declair that in all tyme cuming thair sould be na deacoun nor visitour of maltmen within this burghe, nor yet sall they be reput ane craft within this burghe at na tyme heireftir, notwithstanding quhatsumevir act, licence or tollerance, grantit to thame be the provest, bailleis, or counsall of the said burghe, at ony tyme of befoir.

1 *July* 1611.

Act of malt-making.

The provest, baillies, and counsell of this burghe, for the commoun weill and profite thairof, statutes and ordinis that in all tyme cuming it sall nocht be lesum to na inhabitant within the same to exerce and use the trade of maltmaking within the fredome and territorie of this burghe, without speciall licence of the provest, baillies and counsell, first socht and obtenit thairto, under the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be payed and imployed for the commoun use of the burghe; and being licentiate thairto sall pay thairfoir the

[1] Acts of Parliament, vol. iii., p. 33. [2] Convention Records, vol. ii., p. 129.

soume of tuentie pundis to the commoun gude; and ordinis publicatione to be maid thairof. Act of malt-making.

30 *August* 1611.

Considering that the fair day now approching fallis this yeir on the Sabothe day, thairfoir ordines the same to be proclamed agane the morne thairefter, quhilk will be Mononday the ix day of September nixtocum, and that na mercat be halden on the Sabothe day preceding for eschewing the prophanatione thairof. Anent the fair.

23 *December* 1611.

Comperit Williame Tailyeffer, sone to Williame Tailyeffer in Kirkcudbrycht, and become actit of his awin confessioun to be perpetuallie exylet and banishet this burghe, as ane persone sclanderous and offensive to this burghe, and gif he be found heireftir within the same, he salbe scurget throw the toun, and brunt in the cheik with ane irone as ane notorious vagabund, but dome or law, of his awin consent. Act, Tailyefer, banished.

10 *February* 1612.

Grantes to Robert Cragingelt ane feall of foure pundis for ringing of the counsall and ten hour bell at nycht. Bells.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsall, considdering that sex yeires sen syne or thairby, Capitane Thomas Erskyne, sone to umquhile James Erskyne of Balgony, in rememberance of Godis manefald merceis and delyverances bestowit on him fra monie danger quhairintill he is fallin fra tyme to tyme in the Law Cuntreis, did thairfoir dedicate, of his awin frie gift, furthe of that quhilk he had obtenit for his travellis in the saidis pairtes, the soume of fyve hundrethe merkis usuall money of Scotland, quhilk the said Capitane Thomas willit and ordenit to be imployet to sum profittable wark or use within this burgh, for a perpetuall memorie baithe of the said Capitane Thomas thankfulness to his end and of his love and effectioun to this burghe, in the quhilk he had his educatioun the tyme of his yuthe; and the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, the tyme foirsaid, haifeing ressavet the said soume of five hundrethe merkis in thair handis, thinkis it now maist meit and expedient that the said soume salbe imployit on yeirlie rent, as it hes bene thir sex yeiris bygane, for the help and supporte of the ministrie of Godis worde within this burgh in all tyme cumyng, for the quhilk the saidis provest, Bequest by Capitane Thomas Erskine; ministrie.

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bailleis and counsall, randeris the said Capitane Thomas maist hairtlie thankis.

20 *April* 1612.

Commissioneris to Edinburgh.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherer and Johne Williamsoun commissioneris to pas to Edinburgh for advysing and forming of ane signatour of ane new infeftment to the toun.

27 *April* 1612.

Act of fuilyie and muck.

Statutes and ordines for the commoun weill of this burghe that na nychtbour sell ony muck or failyie to extranear and outlandis men, bot to nychtbouris, under the pane of fyve pundis unforgevin, *toties quoties.*

20 *June* 1612.

Archbishope of Sanctandrois.

Admittis the richt reverend father, George, be the mercie of God, archbishope of Sanctandrois, metrapolitane of Scotland, and ane of his Majesties moist honorable previe counsall, maister George Meriorybankis and Johne Wilsone, his servitouris, to the libertie and fredome of nychtbouris and burgessis of this burgh, quha and ilk ane of thame maid faithe as use is.

22 *June* 1612.

Grammer scole.

Nominates and appointes [three] commissioneris to meitt in Edinburgh the xxv day of Junij instant, thair to informe the arbitrateres chosin betuix the toun and the maister of the grammer scole, and to attend upoun the said mater to the finall end thairof.

1 *July* 1612.

Tounes evidentis.

Duncane Paterson, deane of gild, producet the tounes charter grantet be King Robert, of the libertie of the toun and fishing in the watter of Forthe, kingis maill and pettie custome; with the tounes charter grantet be King David for exemyng thame fra customes of cattell at all portis; togidder with the tounes charter grantet be King Alexander, and confirmet be King David, of the libertie of the gildrie; quhilkis thrie evidentis the said Duncan Paterson ressavit fra Robert Fortoun in Edinburgh, and ar now deliverit to Johnne Sherer, baillie, to be shawin befoir the generall conventioun of burrowes in the conventioun at Abirbrothok.

Act, grammer scole.

[The commissioners appointed on 22nd June reported that an obligation had been granted on behalf of the town] to pay to maister Alexander Yule,

for owirgeving of the schole, the soume of fyve hundir and fiftie merkis at Martimes nixtocum. Act, grammer schole.

14 *September* 1612.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, hes statute, ordinit, and permittet, that the maltmen of this burghe now present and tocum may, at thair plesour in all tyme cuming, bruke, joyse, and posses thair wounted liberteis, privilages and immuniteis, grantet to thame be the lawes of this realme, actis and statutes of this burghe agreable thairto, anent the friedome of malt making within this burghe, siclike, als frelie and amplie in all respectis as the maltmen of ony other burgh within this realme hes uset and exercet or yet may exerce and use the said tred of maltmaking, but contradictioun or agane calling quhatsumever; with power to the saidis maltmen to haif ane visitour amang thame for trying the insufficiencie of thair malt and prices thairof, quha salbe haldin to present to the counsall of this burghe all intrant maltmen crevand the said tred to be admittet thairto be the counsall of the toun; and for thair entrie to the said tred they sall pay to the toun for augmentatione of thair commoun gude the soume of sextene pundis in name of entres, and to the visitour of the maltmen and friemen thairof the soume of aucht pundis; and gif he be ane maltmannis eldest sone he sall pay to the toun [8 merks and to the maltmen 4 merks; a maltman's second, third, or fourth son, or one who marries a maltman's wife or daughter, to pay to the toun £8 and to the maltmen £4; a merchant or craftsman, to the toun £8 17s. 4d. and to the maltmen £4 8s. 8d.] And in all taxationes or uther impositiones that salbe raised or imposet upoun this burghe, the merchandis and craftismen usand the said tred of maltmaking salbe stentit with the said maltmen according to thair chairge and handling in that tred. Act, maltmen.

25 *September* 1612.

Nominates and appointes Johnne Sherer and Johnne Cunynghame, baillies, commissioneris to pas and meitt with maister William Wallace in Irwing, and to intreat and confer with him anent his plantatioune in the grammer scole of this burghe, and to mak offirris to him for that effect of ane feall of j^{c} merkis of the toun, with his expectatioune of fiftie merkis of my lord of Mar, quhairof gif neid be the toun salbe bund to him, with ane duelling hous maill frie for thrie yeris tocum, and the expenssis of his transportatioune; with fourtie s. of scollage of ilk toun bairne to him and his doctouris. Anent the grammer scole.

5 *November* 1612.

Act, brig custome.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, for uphald of the brig and calseyes thairof, quhilkis ar daylie decaying, statutes and ordines that in all tyme cuming the haill fremen and nychtbouris of this burghe passing langis the said brig with hors laidis, or sleddis, of merchand geir, victuell, or with ony gudes to or fra this burgh, sall pay the custome following, that is to say, ilk pak or hors leid of merchand geir, tua penneis; ilk punsheoun of wyne, tuelf penneis; ilk barrell of beir, aucht penneis; ilk laid of flowre and uther victuell, except the provisioun meill of mennis housses cuming langis the brig, tua penneis; ilk burding of ony geir, ane penny; ilk slauchter kow passing langis the brig or cuming be the Drip furde, tua penneis; and ilk fyve slauchter sheip cuming they wyes, tua penneis; to be payed to the customer, and to be rowpet and sett yeirlie with the rest of the commoun gude.

9 *November* 1612.

Scolage of Ingles scoles.

Statutes and ordines that fra this furthe James Duncanson, nor na uther teacher of femele cheldrene within this burghe, tak mair scholage of ilk bairne nor sex s. in the quarter, and thair doctour tua s. in the quarter, under the pane of discharging thame of all teaching and halding of Ingles or writting scholes, and farder under the pane of fyve pundis als oft as they do in the contrair.

16 *November* 1612.

Doctour of the grammer schole.

Ressaves and admittis maister James Edmestoun to be ane doctour in the grammer scole, being presentet to thame be maister Patrik Symson in name of the maister, and grantis him in fie the soume of tuentie merkis yeirlie, with tua s. of scollage in the quarter of ilk tounes bairne, and his libertie of landwert bairnes, according to the discretioun and liberalitie of thair parentis.

23 *November* 1612.

Doctour for the Ingles bairnes.

Ressaves and admittis Johnne Thomesoun, son to Robert Thomesoun, belman, to be ane doctour in the grammer schole, under maister William Wallace, principall maister, for teaching of bairnes in reding of the Ingles toung; and grantis him in fie the soume of ten merkis yeirlie, with ij s. of scollage in the quarter of ilk tounes bairne, and his libertie of landwart bairnes according to the discretione and liberalitie of thair parentis.

It is statute and ordinet that fra this furthe na inhabitant of this burgh gadder na muk nor failyie upoun the hie streitis of this burgh outwith thair durris and yettis, nor yet suffer the same to ly outwith thair durris and yettis attour the space of xlviij houris, under the pane of confiscatione of the said muk and warding of the persones of thame that contravenes, at the sicht of the magistrattis; and to begin this day aucht dayes; and ordines publicatione to be maid heirof be drum or bell that nane pretend ignorance thairanent. Act, muk.

25 *January* 1613.

The counsall, convenit, having consideratioun of the great injurie and offence committet and done laitlie within this burgh be Adame Donaldsone, burges of the same, to Duncane Patersone, provest of the said burgh, in dispersoning of him and minting to ane quhinger to have struckin him thairwith, als also with ane golf club, then being in the hand of Johnne Scherar, dene of gild of the said burgh, quhilk he brak becaus the said dene of gild wald nocht suffer the same to gang with him, and utherwayis injuring of the said Duncane Patersone the tyme of his said provestrie, as the proces of convictioun sett doun in the commoun buikis of the said burgh beires, have thairfoir, all in ane voice with ane consent and assent, unlawit the said Adame Donaldsoun in the soume of fourtie pundis for his said offence; and farder ordanes him to remane in waird during the counsallis will, and thaireftir to gang to the mercat croce quhair the said Adame Donaldsone sall thair oppinlie crave God, the Kingis Maiestie, the said provest and haill magistratis of this burgh, forgeviness for his offence foirsaid; and in cais it sall be fundin heirefter that he do the lyk, or be hard dispersoning ony magistrat of this burgh, sall pay to the thesaurer of the samyn the soume of ane hundreth pundis money of this realme, and farder be baneischit this burgh and territorie thairof and amit and tyne his libertie of the samyn. And, siclyk, ordanes that publicatioun be maid heirof at the said mercat croce making intimatioun to all inhabitantis of the samyn, and utheris quhom it effeiris, of the premisses, with certificatioun to thame gif ony persone be fund dispersoning, calumniating or injuring, ayther oppinlie or privalie, ony of the magistratis of this burgh heireftir, the contraveneris als oft as thai falyie sall pay the penalties foirsaidis, be imprisonat in thair persones, amitt and tyne thair libertie of the said burgh, and exylit the samyn and haill territorie thairof for evir, as is befoir contenit. Act of Adame Donaldsone.

8 *February* 1613.

Servandis.

It is statute and ordinit that na servand man nor womane within this burghe keip or haif ony kistis or uther lokfast lomes outwith thair maisteris houssis, bot that they keip and haif thair kistis within thair awin maisteris houssis, and that thair kistis be at na tyme locket bot ay left oppin, for eshewing and preventing of the grite stewthe and pykrie that daylie incressis within this burghe, under the pane of banishing of the saidis servandis this burghe and confiscatione of thair saidis kistis and thair haill geir within the same that salbe fund outwith thair maisteris houssis and loket and fast within thair maisteris houssis; and ordines publicatione to be maid heirof be the drum throw the toun. And the lyk punishment to be uset on thame that ressatis the said kistis fra ony mannis servandis, but ony favour.

8 *March* 1613.

Act watching.

The counsall ordanit ane watche of four men out of the four quarteris of the toun, to watche throw the toun for suppressing and halding doun of all stouth and utheris enormities that may arise in this burgh in the nicht, ay and quhill thai be dischargit.

26 *April* 1613.

Custome deutie of the ladill.

The counsall findis, declaires, and ordines that, seing the custome dewtie of the ladill of this burghe is grittlie defraudit be the fremen and induellares of this burgh quha bringis in victuell baithe be sey and land within the same burgh and hurdes up the same in thair barnes, loftis, and girnellis, and tappis out the same to ane grit dearthe in that same kynd and qualitie that thay by the same and presentis nocht thair victuele to the mercatt, that thairfoir the saidis fremen and inhabitantis of this burgh sall pay the custome dewtie of the ladill siclike as gif the same wer presentit and sauld in the mercatt. Provyding the same be nocht extendit to na victuele brocht in ather be sey or land, belangand to fremen for the exercese of thair awin tredd, as beir maid and sauld be maltmen in malt, quheit maid and sauld be baxteris in flour and breid, and aittis, peis and benes, maid and sauld in meill, conforme to the meaning of the counsellis decreit datit the xj day of Marche last bipast. And this to be observit in all tyme cuming as ane law and statut of this burgh.

18 *October* 1613.

Burges fyne.

Statutes and ordines that fra this furthe the entres and fyne of nycht-

bouris and burgessis enterand within this burghe quha salbe burges bairnes, or quha sall marie burges wyffes and bairnes, is and salbe aucht pundis, bot of burges aires iiij s. vj d., conforme to use and wounte. Burges fyne.

6 *December* 1613.

Anent the complaint maid be Duncan Patersoun, provest, aganes Walter Keir, baxter, insafar as laitlie, the xv day of November last, the said Walter Keir being convenit befoir the counsall for selling of derrer malt nor is sett doun be the act maid thairanent, behavit himself maist unreverentlie to the said provest, saying and affirming oftymes to him, quhill he was sitting in opin counsall, that he was alsfrie in the toun as the provest himself, and that he had better duell in Cambusbarroun or ony landwert toun nor duell in this burgh; and quhen the provest sayd it had bein guid for the toun he had left it sevin yeir syne, and gif he wald leive the toun the devill gang with him, the said Walter maist proudlie and bitterlie anserit agane and sayd: The devill be amang thame that I leave behind me then; besyd mony uther unreverent speches and gestures utterit be him. Bayth the pairteis present, the said Walter confessit his misbehaviour foirsaid to the said provest and become thairfoir in the said provestis awin will; quhairof he continewes his declaratione quhill he be farder advyset. Convictioun, Walter Keir.

28 *March* 1614.

Anent our Soverane lordis lettres raisit aganes all and sindrie the inhabitantis of the burgh of Sterling for electing and chesing of certane persones for stenting of thair nychtbouris for ingetting and payment making of the said burgh thair pairt of the secund termes peyment of the taxatioun grantit to the mariage of our Soverane lordis darrest dochter the ladye Elizabeth; and anent the missive bill direct for satisfeing his Majesteis thesaurer of the said burgh thair pairt of the sex thowsand merkis offerit be the burrowis of this realme to his Majestie for the expenssis of Stercovius, . . . comperit and convenit the provest, baillies, counsall, deacones of craft, and certane utheris nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, quha of commoun consent electit and cheisit [eight persones to stent the inhabitants in the sums payable by the burgh.] Taxatioun; mariage of Lady Elizabeth; pursuit of Stercovius a German, for sclandering this natioun.

30 *May* 1614.

Ordanes, for mending of the kingis gaitt towardis the barresyett outwith the same, that all inhabitantis of the same quha hes reddie horssis leid ilk ane Anent mending of gaittis.

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xx laidis of red and chinnell out of sic pairtis betuix and the park yett quhair it may commodiouslie be had. To be done with all diligence as they sall be warnit, ilk persone under the pane of xl s.

Anent the narow passigis.

Statutis and ordanes that fra this furth na inhabitant of this burgh extend nor build furth thair biggingis nor sidwalis of thair houssis out upoun the kingis hie calseyis in ony strait pairtis of this burgh, and specialie fra the heid of the Marye wynd to the futt thairof, and fra the Bellis yett to the laird of Keris ludging, on baith the sydis of the gait, ilk persone under the pane of ane hundreth pundis. As lykwayis that na persone crave licence in contrair this act, under the pane foirsaid.

6 *June* 1614.

Drummer claythis.

Ordanes the thesaurer to wair tuelf pundis upoun rid stemming to be ane garmount of claythis to George Craufurde, drummer, of the tounes leveray; and the drummer to weir the samyn ilk Sonday quhill they be done; and he to mak the rest of the expenssis himselff.

15 *June* 1614.

Discharge omnigadrum.

Statutis and ordanes that fra this furth thair be na conventioun nor meiting amangis the nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh callit the omnigadrum, nather privatlie nor oppinlie, under the panes contenit in the actis of parliament, without the concurrance of ane of the magistratis of this burgh.

1 *July* 1614.

Stane bowett.

The counsell ordines the thesaurer, on the tounes expenssis, to put ane cais and lid on the stane bowett at the fute of the buird in the counselhous, with ane plait and tirles of irone and ane lok and key, as the provest sall direct to be done.

8 *August* 1614.

Pyper.

Ressaves Harie Levingstoun, pyper, in menstrall and pyper of this burgh to serve quhill Mertimes 1615, and the counsall allowis to him sic fies and casualiteis as utheris hes had of befoir. Quha wes suorne *more solito.*

29 *November* 1614.

Bradye, grammer scole.

Comperit personallie maister James Bradye, sumtyme doctour in the grammer scole, and actit him self, of his awin confessioun, nevir to be heireftir

fund calumniating, traducing, or making evill speichis of maister William Wallace, maister of the said scole, or conversing, hanting, or reparing with ony of his scoleris, thairby drawing thair myndis and affectiounis fra the maister, or yit to mak ony uther laufull caus of offence to the maister; quhilk gif he do, to be baneischit this burgh and libertie thairof and not to be repute thaireftir ane worthie to duell in the same; quhairunto the said maister James Bradye consentit.

Brayde, grammer scole.

14 *December* 1614.

Alexander Huttoun, deacone of the skinneris, and Robert Henrysoun, deacone of the hammermen, being requiret yit, as divers tymes of befoir, be the provest, baillies and counsell, to accept on thame the office of counsallouris for this yeir to cum, eftir advyse and consultatioun takin be thame with thair craftis and remanent deacones, being now accompanyit with James Spittell als Waird, deacone convener, declaret and affirmet that they were expreslie commandit and discharget be the haill deacones and craftis nocht to accept the said office on thame this yeir, and thairfoir they refuisit altogider to tak thair offices on thame. Thaireftir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, ordinit the saidis Alexander Huttoun and Robert Henrysone to be commandit to remane in waird within the tolbuith ay and quhill they accept thair saidis offices on thame. And the saidis deacones offered thame selfis reddy to accept thair saidis offices provyding the counsall will observe the actis maid anent the nocht bruiking of office within burgh langer nor tua yeiris, and that na viverares sall bruik office ather of magistracie or counsell within burghe.

Deacons refusing to accept office as counsallouris.

2 *January* 1615.

Statute and ordanit that seing thair is sindrie unlauchfull persones, unfremen, vagabundis, and idyll levaris, that resortis fra landwart out of thair awin paroche to the frie burrowis, that ar not abill to beir burding of his Majesties service within burgh, and ar commoun hurderis of thiftis, pykries, adultereis and druckines, and ourleyis the burgh with thair wyffis and barnes, in contrair his Majesties lawis and aganis all good ordour; that thairfoir na freman and inhabitant of this burgh sall sett thair houssis within the samyn to ony sic persones, unfremen of the said burgh, except that first they cum to the magistratis and acquent them with the same and obtene licence of them thairto, and schaw testimoniall to them of the said unfremen fra quhat peroche

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they come and how they have behavit themselffis in lyff and conversatioun; ilk persone, setter of the saidis houssis, under the pane of fyve pundis, *toties quoties*, unforgevin, to be peyit to sum guid use of the burgh. And ordanes publicatioun and intimatioun to be maid heirof be bell or sound of drum as use is.

14 *January* 1615.

Banishment, David Aikin.

David Aikin confest the abusing of nychtbouris be subscryving of bandis for pairteis that can nocht writ thaimselfis, nocht being ane publick noter, and thairfoir the counsell, of his awin consent, banishes him this toun, and certifies him gif he be fund heirintill agane, eftir the first day of Februar nixtocum, he salbe scourget throw the toun and never sufferit to cum within the same agane.

3 *April* 1615.

Anent the craftis supplicatioun.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in . . . in name and behalff of the saidis deacones and haill freman of craft of the [burgh,] makand mentioun that quhair, nochtwithstanding it pleasit his Majestie, fyve yeiris syne or thairby, to gif directioun that the haill burrowis of this realme sould elect and cheis thair magistrattis furth of merchand trafficqueris and actuall burgessis, induelleris of thair awin burghis, quhilk wes onlie done to exclude sum nobill men fra bering office of provestrie in sum of the speciall burrowis, and that the counsall of the burgh sould be chosin conforme to the act of parliament, quhilk wes done onlie for satling of ane quyet governament in sic tounes quhair questioun wes of the cheising of thair counsall and quhair the counsall of the toun consistit of gentlemen and not of actuall burgessis; yitt, in consideratioun of the great inquyetnes, hurt, and detriment, that micht aryse upoun the alteratioun and change of ony lovabill auld governament that hes bene in ony burgh, it wald have pleisit his Majestie rather to have dispensit with the preceis observatioun of his Majesteis lawis in that behalff nor by strait urging the observance of the same to have cassin louss the myndis and affectiounes of the induelleris of his hienes burrowis by imbraceing ony novatioun and change of thair auld and wounted formes of governament, quhilk with so lang peace and quyetnes to the weill of thair awin tounes they have injoyit; and the saidis craftis douttit not bot the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, knawis weill aneuche quhat distractioun, baith of myndis and affectiounes, is amangis thame baith, and quhat hinder and latt the best workis of this burgh

did ressave by the change and alteratioun of thair auld forme of governament, quhilk gif they could seutablie agrie upoun amangis them selffis to reduce the same to thair auld wounted and lovable forme it wald nather displeas his Majestie nor his hienes commissionar the erle of Mar, quha wes deput for that effect to sie the said alteratioun maid, lyk as he hes declairit baith to the saidis provest, baillies, and sindrie of the counsall of the toun, and to thair pastouris, that it sould content him gif they and the saidis craftismen sould agrie amangis them selffis upoun the change thairof. And, seing the saidis craftis ar of mynd, God willing, in tyme cuming, to neglect na thing that lyis in thame quhilk may tend to the advancement of the weill and quyetnes of this burgh, and to indevoir them selffis to the utermest of thair power to hald hand with the provest, baillies, and counsall of this toun thairto. Desyring, thairfoir, for the respectis abone writtin, that the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, wald repone the saidis craftis to thair wounted libertie and plaice in counsall and in magistracie agane quhilk thai had, befoir this lait novatioun, monye ages of befoir past all memorie of man,—to witt, that they may have thair haill deacones on the counsall, and ane of thair number to be ane baillie, quhairby thair may be ane greatter hermonye and conformitie amangis thame nor hes bene thir four yeiris bygane. . . . [Members of the council and craftsmen having conferred in regard to the supplication, the council asked answers by the crafts to the following articles:]—A desysting, at leist for sum space of yeiris, fra the persute of the merchand gildrie except they renunce thair craft, conforme to the act of parliament. Secundlie, a voluntar contributioun for purchessing of a new infeftment to the toun of thair auld liberties and landis as utheris burghes hes done in this Kingis tyme. Thirdlie, a consent to the ladill dewtie as the toun hes had of auld, and as utheris tounes hes, with ane impoist of viij d. of ilk browst for help of the commoun gude. And last, a consent to transact with my lord of Fentoun for a rycht of the tounes mylnes, and, being transactit with him thairfoir, a consent to thirle the toun thairto, as utheris tounes ar that hes mylnes of thair awin. Quhilkis articles being first agreit to be the craftis, the counsall is content thaireftir to repone sa monye of thame baith to the place of the counsall and of the magistracie as for the peace and quyetnes of the toun sall seme expedient to the burrowis and to the erle of Mar, his Majesties commissionar appointet for satling of that difference. . . . [In answer, the crafts declared that till first they] be reponit to thair

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haill plaice of the counsall and magistracie, to witt, that the haill deacones be putt on the counsall foiranent als monye merchandis, and ane craftisman be a baillie, they will nawayis condiscend to the articles foirsaidis, nather yitt will thai submitt thame selffis thairanent.

28 *August* 1615.

Act for Johnne Cwnynghame, baillie, his cuir.

Findis that the hurt and wound laitlie gevin be Aulay M'Aulay to Johnne Cwnynghame, baillie, wes done to him in the executioun of his office, and thairfoir ordanes for his bettir cuiring of the said wound that Thomas Bachope, thesaurer, sall becum debtour to James Kynloche, chrurgian, for the soume of tua hundreth merkis money as the toun and he hes aggreit; and for the thesaureris releiff, the counsall dedicattis and assignis the ordinar fies this yeir dew to the provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer and clerk, extending to xxxvj li.; and of the unlawis this yeir the provest and baillies assignis to the said thesaurer the sowme of xl pundis, quhairof they sall caus him be payit; and the sessioun of the kirk sall be delt with to gif out of thair box xl li.; and the dene of gild and his brethir sall be delt with out of thair box to gif according to thair guid plesour; and the toun themselffis, out of thair commoun guid, sall gif xl lib., with ane voluntar contributioun of nychtbouris, quhairof the thesaurer sall be comptabill to the toun of the superplus according to his intromissioun; and thair sall be allowit to him the intres and annuell of the said sowme of ij^{c} merkis incais he be compellit to borrow the same, with all coistis, chargis, and expenssis the counsall sustene thairthrow.

6 *September* 1615.

Act, watching.

Ordanes ane wetch of four persones nichtlie, viz., four of ilk quarter about of the toun, to watche the wardhous and tolbuyth of this burgh and attend upoun Aulay M'Aulay during the counsallis will; and for thair bettir watching ordanes the thesaurer to furneis nychtlie to the watcheris xii d. worth of candill to gif licht to thame in the nicht; and the officiaris to warn thair quarter nicht about, and the persones refusaris to watche to pay to the officiaris v s. for ilk persone, and the officiaris to supplie his place, and farder the perfones refusaris to watch to be wardit during the counsallis will.

18 *December* 1615.

Ministeris meill.

[Inquiry having been made of the craftsmen] quhither or nocht they wald

satisfie maister Patrik Symsoun, minister, of the aucht bollis meill quhairof the craftismen hes bene in use of payment to him as ane pairte of his stipend thir money yeiris bigane . . . declared and ansuered that the haill craftis had concludit and determined that they wald nocht ansuer nor satisfie the said maister Patrik of the foirsaidis aucht bollis meill of the yeiris abonewrittin [1614 and 1615] nor in tyme cuming. Ministeris meill.

23 *August* 1616.

Findis and concludes that in all tyme cuming the deacone convenare, nor remanent deacones of craft of this burght, sall nocht juge nor decerne in na mater of injurie, troublance or blude, betuix craftisman and craftisman, nor yit sall caus thair officeris poynd ony craftisman, be virtew of quhatsumever thair awin demeritis, without the same be first allowed of be the magistrattis and ane command gevin be thame to thair officeris to concur with the convenares officer; and gif the said convenair and deacones of craft do in the contrair heirof they salbe unlawed thairfoir *toties quoties* in the soume of xl li. And Robert Henrysoun, convenair of the saidis deacones, protestit in the contrair. Deacones judging betuix craftismen.

21 *October* 1616.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, ratifeis and appreves the act of the generall conventioun of burrowes maid in favour of the baxteris of Dunfermling, the sevint day of Julij the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and tuelf yeiris,[1] be the quhilk the toun of Sterling is ordinit to suffer the toun of Dumfermling to sell thair breid in the mercat at the mercat tyme of day, provyding thair xij d. leaf wey twa unces mair nor the xij d. leaf of Sterling, and to be als sufficient breid; with this additioun that the breid of Dunfermling be nocht presentet to the mercat of this burght befoir aucht houris in the morning, and byde na langer in the mercat nor tua houris efter none, under the pane of confiscatioun of the same to the tounes use. Act, baxteris.

4 *November* 1616.

[Ordained the following agreement to be inserted in the council book:]— Articles of agriement, merchandis and craftis.

We, deacones of craft, craftismen, maltmen, and utheris of the burgh of Sterling undersubscryvand, for ourselffis and our successouris, acknawledging

[1] Convention Records, vol. ii., p. 351.

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ourselffis for the present to be in the reverence of our magistrates for certane oversychtis layed be tham to our charge, quhairof sum of ws ar alreddie tryit and utheris under proces to be tryit befoir thame; quhairanent we have submittit our selffis to tham, and in all dewtifull respectis promittis, be the sallis and treuth in our bodyes, in all tyme cuming to obey and follow our saidis magistratis in all thair lauchfull directiounes, tending to the peace, quyetnes, and weilfair of this burgh. And for thair bettir satisfactioun we grant and consentis to the articles and conditiounes particularlie underwrittin now sett doun be tham to ws, thay ar to say:—In the first, we ar content to exhibite and produce befoir our saidis magistratis of this burgh the haill buikis of craftis, and speciallie of the baxter craft, sic as war writtin be umquhile Johnne Allan, John Leggett, and John Archibald, to be sene and considderit be thame quhat unlauchfull actis and statutis ar sett doun thairintill, to be reformed and corrected be the magistratis; and that Thomas Tailyeour, baxter, exhibite and delyver to thame the new ensenyie laitlie careit be him the last wapinschawing of this burgh, to be usit be tham at thair will and plesour; and that he gyf in the tounes evident quhilk he hes to the charter kist, quhairof ane autentik copie thairof may be gevin to the craftis under the subscriptioun manuall of thair commoun clerk.

Item, we acknawledge all meittingis, gedderingis and conventiounes of the haill deacones of craftis with thair brether togidder upoun ane day, as hes bene accustomat, on the hillis of this burgh, to be altogidder unlauchfull, hurtfull and improfitabill, baith to our selffis and to the haill toun, and sall abstene thairfra in tyme cuming, ilk deacone present at the saidis meitingis under the pane of warding xxiiij houris and payment of ane unlaw of tuentie pundis; provyding this be not prejudiciall to everie deacone of craft to convene and meitt with four or sex maisteris of his awin craft to intreat upoun materis of thair awin craft allanerlie; and quhen ony mater of questioun or importance sall be proponit in the counsall of the toun, it sall be lesum to the haill deacones of that yeir to convene and meitt togidder befoir the nixt counsall day to advyse and consult amangis themselffis on the mater proponed, that ansuer may be maid and reporttit thairof agane to the counsall; and it sall be lesum to the saidis deacones to meitt amang thamselffis for ony mater of craft at uther tymes quhen they pleis, but ony gaddering of mae deacones or craftismen thairto be ony maner of way; and in the saidis meittingis thair

sall be na jurisdictioun of the magistrattis usurpit be us, nor yit sall we judge ony mater of debt, blude, injurie, or trublance, bot sall onlie handill materis of our awin craft, undir the pane of ten pundis to be payit be the deacone, ane or mae, that sall happin to usurp the said jurisdictioun. Articles of agriement, merchandis and craftis.

Item, we agrie that in all wapinchawingis thair sall be na baneris nor pinsallis brocht furth nor careit, bot onlie the Kingis standart to be careit be ane quhom the magistratis and counsall sall appoint, with the merchandis and craftis standart accompaneing the same, to be liftit in a quyet and decent maner as the magistratis sall direct, and na deacone nor uther craftisman sall clame to him selff in the saidis wapinschawingis, nor na uther publict meittingis, ony commandiment or charge over craftismen, nor yit carie in thair handis as commanderis or ledaris ony quhytt stalfes, under the pane to be repute factious and dissobedient persones and puneischit thairfoir as accordis.

Item, we agrie that thair be ane generall stent raisit aff the haill inhabitantis of this burgh for bigging of ane strong and sufficient wardhous, out of the quhilk presoneris may not escaip, and for purchessing of ane new infeftment to the toun of thair awin liberties and commoun landis, provyding the said infeftment be equalie advysit alsweill for the craftis as for ony uther estait of the toun.

Item, becaus maister Patrik Sympsone, minister, hes bene unpayit of the craftis pairt of the tuentie bollis meill quhilk he had of the toun, [for years 1613, 1614 and 1615,] thairfoir we promeis to pay [for these years and] in tyme cuming for his lyftyme.

Item, becaus the toun hes lytill commoun gude or meinis, ather to intertenye thair ministerie, thair kirk, tolbuyth, brig, schoir, calseyis, schole, or uther commoun warkis and effairis, quhilk can not be sustenit without the rents and commoditie of mylnes as utheris tounes hes, thairfoir how soone the toun may have occasioun to acquyre and gett mylnes able to serve the toun, we the saidis craftis, maltmen, and utheris vndersubscryvand, for our selffis and our successouris, sall consent and grant, with the remanent inhabitantis of this burgh, to thirle ourselffis to the saidis mylnes for siclyik servyce and dewteis paying as the burrowis of Lynlithgow or Glasgow payis and gevis, but any gainstanding quhatsumever to be maid be ws in the contrair; provyding that sum of the craftis and maltmen be pairtneris in the undertaking to gett

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and acquyre the saidis mylnes for the weill of the toun, giff thai sall imbrace the same as utheris sall offir and undertak to do thairfoir. And unto the tyme that the saidis mylnes be acquyred and had we are content that thair sall be ane impost of viij d. liftit of ilk browst of aill or beir that sall be fra this furth browin within this burght, with tua schillingis of ilk fyve firlottis of landwart malt that sall be browin within the same and not presenttit to the mercatt, in contentatioun of the ladyll dewtie thairof quhilk is defraudit and preiudgit be not presenting of the same to the mercatt as it aucht to be, conforme to the act of parliament.

Item, we ar content, consentis and aggreis, that the deacones of craft be chosin yeirlie in tymes cuming efter this maner . . . [After prescribing the form of election it is provided that four deacons are to be on the council in addition to another craftsman who is to be chosen a bailie.]

Item, for augmenting of the commoun guid of this burgh, the magistratis and counsall aggreis that, quhill the toun acquyre and gett mylnes abill to serve them selffis as is befoir contenit, thair sall be proffeit maid yeirlie to the toun of all weyabill merchand wairis, sic as lint, hemp, irn, woll, and utheris subject to great wecht, brocht and sauld within this burgh, according to the custome and ordour of the new weyhous of Edinburgh in all respectis. And, quhill ane weyhous and wechtis be had for that effect within this burgh, the gild brether and merchandis ar content to giff yeirlie to the toun for the help of thair commoun guid the sowme of fourtie pundis.

Item, it is aggreit that na craftisman by, top, nor sell ony merchand wairis, sic as silk, pasmentis, buttounes, fustianes, buckesie, bukrum, poldavye, foran clayth of all soirtis, baling, nor na uther stapill wairis quhatsumevir, in hurt and preiudyce of the merchand gildrie, under the pane of confiscatioun of the same to the tounes use; reserving always to the saidis craftismen and thair successouris actioun to sute the previledge of the merchand gildrie as accordis of the law. Nathir yit that ony merchand by, to top or sell, ony handywork belanging to craftismen, sic as brydill bittis, brydillis, stirrep irnes, stirrep ledderis, maid girdis with buckillis, irn hors cambis, spurris, buittis, schone, pantenes, and pickedaillis, nor na utheris handye work maid within this burgh belanging to ony craftismen quhatsumever, in hurt and preiudyce of the saidis craftismen, under the pane foirsaid of confiscatioun of the same to the tounes use.

Finallie, we ar content that sa mony of us the saidis craftis and maltmen as sall be tryed giltie, befoir our saidis magistratis, of the devysing, assisting and countenancing of the said new handsenyie careit be the said Thomas Tailyeour the last wapinschawing day, or of ony uther insolencie and disordour committit be ony of us within this burgh at ony tyme bygane preceding the dait heiroff, eftir tryall and cognitioun of the same, sall cum thairfoir simpliciter in the saidis magistratis awin willis. Bot the saidis magistratis declairis that sa monye of us as hes or sall subscrvye thir present articles of aggrement befoir sett doun, sall be frie of all puneischment, baith in thair persone and guidis, sa far as the saidis magistratis may lay to our charge for the caussis foirsaidis. Lykas, thay promeis to indevoir thamselffis to the lordis of his Hienes previe counsall to procure the releiff of sa much of us as ar committit to waird furth of our wairdis quhair we remane, to the utermest of thair credeit, except for the pairt of the said Thomas Tailyour, quha wes the principall devysar and hame bringar of the handsenyie foirsaid and of the factious band maid thairanent. Articles of agriement, merchandis and craftis.

And to the effect that thir articles and conditiounes of aggriement abonewrittin, now concludit upoun betuix the magistrattis of the said burgh and ws the saidis craftismen, maltmen, and utheris undersubscryvaris of the same, may tak the bettir succes and effect, and the toun retenit under thame in the greater peace, amitie and love, thay and we all in ane voice faithfullie promittis, in all tymes cuming, to observe the kirk for heiring of Godis word with greater reverence and cair nor we have done in tymes bygane.

16 *December* 1616.

Ordanes all the nychtbouris of this burgh to remove thair fuilyie aff the hie streittis, and nocht to lay the same thairupoun heireftir nor suffer the same to ly langer nor xxiiij houris eftir the same is brucht out of thair houssis and cloissis; and ordanes all the present middingis to be tane aff the streitis betuix this and the first day of Januar nixt. Anent removing of middings.

Statutis and ordanes that all nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh mend and repair the calseyis foiranent thair houssis, with all possibill diligence, and uphald the same in all tyme heirefter conforme to the ordour of burgh, and to flag their gutteris quhair they sall be appointit be the magistratis, sufficientlie, at thair sycht and thair maister of work. Anent the streittis.

6 *January* 1617.

Mrs. Murrayis favorabill lettre.

Comperit maister Patrik Sympsone, minister of Chrystis evangel at the kirk of Sterling, and presentit, exhibite, and delyverit to the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, ane letter direct to him beiring that dame Elizabeth Schaw, M^res.^ Murray, had willit him to schaw to the counsall that for the good scho buir to the toun scho wes of mynd to bestow on the hospitall, to the support of the puir, ane hundreth pundis scottis yeirlie during hir lyftyme, the payment to begin at Yule last; quhilk lettere abonewrittin is daittit 23 of November last, and is ordanit to be keipit be the counsall as a warrand to tham for the caus foirsaid; for the quhilk they gif the said M^res.^ Murray hairtlie thankis.

Ministrie, bookis.

The said maister Patrik Sympsone exponit and schew that it having plesit Sir Robert Douglas to advance the librarie of this burgh with certane bookis, viz., Zanchius workis, in thre volumes, pryce xxxiiij li.; Historia Tuanj, in tua volumes, pryce xx li.; Plinij Historia, xij li.; extending in the haill, the pryce of the saidis bookis, to iij^xx^ vj li.; quhilkis bookis war brocht hame to this burgh be Dougall Galloway, travelar, for the quhilk wes payit to him be the said maister Patrik Symsoun, xiij s. iiij d. The said maister Patrik Sympsone promittit that the saidis bookis sall be forthcummand to the toun and ministrie thairof eftir him, and they sall have rycht thairto eftir his deceis.

12 *May* 1617.

Barresyett.

Ordanes the heid of the barresyett to be hichtit, mendit and repairit, with stane and lyme, with all diligence, at the sicht of the magistratis and thair maister of wark; and ordanes the maister of wark to agrie with workmen for this effect. Lykas, the counsall hes aggreit with Duncane Patersoun for tua hundreth laid of stanes, and ma gif he may have thame, to be win be him out of the craig foiranent his barn dur in the Craigis, for v li. the hundreth laid, quhilk he promeissis to do and lay out, and to begin the winning thairof agane Mononday nixt.

Gilting gold.

Ordanes the thesaurer to by sum leavis of gold to gild his Majesteis armes, the croce, and tolbuyth.

Brig.

Ordanes the thesaurer to repair the brig, and for that effect to caus cast feall to serve the turn out of the furris of the Brighauche.

26 *May* 1617.

Ordanes William Fothringham, thesaurare, to borrow, for the tounes adoes anent his Majesteis preparatiounes, the soume of fyve hundreth merkis for annuell till Mertimes nixtocum. Thesaurar; his Majesteis preparatiounes.

Apointis maister Robert Murray to mak and deliver the speiche to the Kingis Majestie at his first entrie in the toun, conforme to the directioun of the counsallis lettre. Kingis entrie.

2 *June* 1617.

Ordanes the thesaurer to mak a scaffald for reparatioun of the tolbuyth with laid thairupoun, and to prepair all materiallis thairfoir. Tolbuyth.

15 *July* 1617.

Ordines William Fothringham, thesaurare, to borrow for proffet and annuell, quhill Witsonday nixtocum, the soume of ane hundreth pundis to the tounes use and adoes, agane the tyme of his Majesteis cuming; for releif quhairof it is statut and ordinet that the haill fynes and unlawes of courte that salhappin to fall and vaik within this burghe fra this furth quhill Michaelmas [next, and longer if necessary, should be uplifted by the treasurer.] Act, treasurer; Kingis entrie.

James Reid, ane of the groomes of his Maiesties slauchter hous, is ressavit and admittit to the libertie and friedome of ane nychtbour and burges of this burghe, and that gratis. Reid, groom of Kingis slauchter hous.

Ressaves maister Myllingtoun, ane of the purviares of his Majesties wynes in the wyne seller, to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges. Myllingtoun, purviar of Kingis wines.

17 *July* 1617.

Ressaves and admittis [the following persons to the liberty and freedom of burgesses and guild brethren, gratis:]— Burgesses admitted gratis.

Sir Harie Ritche, gentilman of his Majesteis previe chalmer; Sir George Goring, levetennent of the gentilmen pensionaris; and Sir Thomas Cuninghame, siclyk gentilman of his Majesties previe chalmer.

Sir Eduard Vilares, Sir Thomas Mettyme, Sir Petir Saltersoun, Sir Robert Osburne, Sir Johnne Upslie and Sir Edward Goring, equiriaris to his Majestie.

Sir Arthour Teringhame, Sir Tibol Gorge, Sir Edward Winsoir, and Alexander Auchamoutie, gentilmen pensionaris to his Majestie.

Burgesses admitted gratis.

Mr. Mylmy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Knychtlie and Mr. Ramsay, coupberaris to his Maiestie.

Ressaves and admittis Mr. Feilden, Mr. Dickbie, Mr. Cottrall, Williame Ker, Sir Williame Blakstoun, David Young, serjant of the scullarie; Robert Cox, clerk of the chek of his Majesteis gward; David Murray, yeman of the butterie; and Mr. Thomas Synell.

James Bowyie, serjant of his Majesteis selleris; and William Bowyie his servitour.

19 *July* 1617.

Burgesses admitted gratis.

Ressaves and admittis [the following to the liberty and freedom of burgesses and guild brethren, gratis:]—William Sydserff of Rouchlaw, maister of his Majesteis carreage; James Hopper of Boirhoussis, Patrik Cokburne of Chappelcleuche, Thomas Wode of Grange, Johnne Hepburn of Beinstoun, and Mr. Johnne Sydserff, sone to William Sydserff of Rouchlaw.

Johnne Thomesoun, ane of his Majesteis gwardrop, and John Murray, maister of the thesaurie.

Harie Gib, grome of his Majesties bed chalmer; [and several others.]

20 *October* 1617.

Banquet to Inglishmen.

Modifeis to Donald Christesone, browdinster, the soume of ten merkis for hinging of the laird of Randisfurdis hous the tyme of the tounes banquet to the Inglishmen.

Omnigadrum, shoir maill.

William Rynd, maissoun, Thomas Michell, flesher, William Thomesoun, . . . for thame selfis and in name of the rest of the omnigadrum, renuncet and gaif our to the toun, for help of thair commoun gude, thair pairt of the tak of the shoir dewtie, with all proffit and commodity thairof, bayth of yeiris bigane and tocum.

1 *December* 1617.

James Duncanson, redare.

Remembering the lang and gude service done to the toun be James Duncanson, redare, grantis to him and his aires, heretablie, the ground annuell of xl s. addettit yeirlie furth of his tenement of land fornent the Erl of Ergyles hous to St. Thomas alter sumtyme situat in the paroche kirk of this burgh.

17 *January* 1618.

Act anent the jug.

For obedience of the letter direct to thame be the lordis of his Majesteis secereit counsell, desyring and commanding the stowp or jug to be send for

informatioun to the commissioneris apointit be the parliament for reducing the wechtis and measouris to ane conformitie, agane the nyntene day of this instant, ordanes the said stowp or jug to be sent to Edinburgh with Dougall Galloway to Johne Sherare, baillie, being presentlie thair, to the effect he may produce the same befoir the saidis commissioneris; and ordanes the clerk to wret to him to ressave the same, and to desyre him to be cairfull of the keping of the same. Act anent the jug.

23 *February* 1618.

James Schort, provest, producit and deliverit to Andro Japhray, ane of the maisteris of the hospitall, the soume of ane hundreth pundis Scottis, quhilk he ressavit fra maistres Murray for the support of the pure according to hir promis maid of befoir; and the toun geves hir hairtly thankis for the same. Mres. Murray jc li. to the pure.

2 *March* 1618.

Ordines the thesaurare to caus baik thrie salmond to be sent to Edinburgh, ane to Mr. Thomas Houpe, and ane to Mr. James Richart, and ane to James Winrhame. Salmond sent to Edinburgh.

30 *March* 1618.

Anent the complaint maid be William Duncansoun, baxter, William Fergussoun, cordinare, Johnne Stevinsoun and Thomas Park, nixt adjacent nychtbouris to the new biggit kyll of Johnne Anderson, baxter, upoun the said Johnne, quha nochtwithstanding of the act maid of befoir ordinyng the said Johnnes kill to be removet and takin doun for eshewing of farder dainger and feir of fyre and burning within the toun, under the pane of disobedience, hes sensyne put and kendlit fyre in the said kill, and thairby hes putt the saidis nychtbouris in ane new feir of fyre and burnyng, as at mair lengthe is contenit in the said complaint; the said Johnne Andersoun being personallie present, the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, ordines the said Johnne Andersoun, yit as of befoir, to remove and tak away his said kill to ane uther place toward the fute of his yaird, conform to the said last act, and nocht to putt nor kendle fyre thairin again, under the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be payed to the thesaurare of the toun for sum commoun use thairof. Anent Johne Anderson's kill.

4 *May* 1618.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherare, James Forester, baillies, and Johnne Williamson, clerk, to ryde to Edinburgh agane the nixt counsell day Act anent the jug.

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to deale for ane warrand of the jug to be disperset throwche the haill burrowes, as Lynlythgow hes done for the firlott.

27 *May* 1618.

Mr. Johne Row, uptaking psalmes.

Grantes and assignes to maister Johnne Row, doctour of the grammer schole, the soume of ten merkis in feall for uptaking of the psalmes, baith oulkday and Sabbothe dayes prechingis, thairof the half to be payed be the toun and the uther half be the sessioun of the kirk.

8 *June* 1618.

New measures.

Apointit Duncane Watsoun, Johne Johnestoun, James Robesoun, and Andro Jalfray to conduce and agrie with the couperis for making of sufficient furlott, conform and proportionable to those new furlottis and remanent measouris gevin owt be the toun of Linlithgow.

14 *July* 1618.

Commissioneris, minister.

The provest, baillies and counsell, with ane grite nomber of the eldares and deacones of the sessioun of the kirk thairof and of the communitie of the burgh, being convenit in the sessioun hous of the kirk to entreat and determine upoun the nominatioune and planting of ane minister to this kirk in the place of umquhile maister Patrik Symsoun, nominates, electis, and cheses James Forester, Johnne Sherer, baillies, Johnne Cowan, merchand, Thomas Couper, convenare, and Johnne Williamson, clerk, or ony foure of thame, commissioneris to travell to Edinburgh, and to all the pairtes of Fyff and ellis quhair, as it sall pleis God to direct thame, and thair to deale with maister Alexander Henrysoun, minister at Lucheris, maister William Scott, minister at Couper, maister David Dalglesche, minister thair, maister Johnne Carmichaell, minister at [Kilconquhar], maister Johnne Dykes, minister at Kilrynny, and maister Johnne Gillespie, minister at Kirkaldy, or with ony utheris quhom the saidis ministeris or maist pairt of tham sall nominat and advyse tham to deale with, for thair transportation fra thair awin kirkis to this kirk, upoun sic conditiones as the saidis commissioneris and they sall agrie upoun.

17 *August* 1618.

Commissionares for the minister.

Nominates and apointes maister Robert Murray, Johnne Sherer, Johnne Cowane and Johnne Williamson, commissioneris for the toun to pas to the

generall assemblie, quhilk is to convene at the burgh of Perthe, the twentie fyve day of August instant, with power to thame to intreate and deale in the said assemblie for the transportatioune of maister Alexander Henrysoun, minister at Lucheris, to the ministrie of this burghe. Commissionares for the minister.

12 *October* 1618.

Abrogattis and annullis that auld custome quhilk hes bene usit in this burgh anent the warding of fremen and utheris in thair waird within the tolbuyth thairof in oppin and fre waird, the durris being oppin upoun thame; and ordanes, in all tyme cumming, all warderis to be committit in sure waird and the durris of the tolbuyth to be lockit and closit upoun thame, and they detenit tharin ay and quhill they obey the decreitis and ordinances gevin out aganis tham. Act, warding.

26 *October* 1618.

Grantes to the toun of Mussilburgh, for support of the harborie thairof, the soume of fourtie pundis. Act, Mussilburgh.

14 *December* 1618.

Concludes and ordines that the barganes offerit be the lord Elphinstoun, the lairdis of Keir, Polmais, and maister Robert Narne, of thair mylnes that lyes about this toun, to the tounes use, salbe hard, considderit and followet furthe, provyding the toun be nocht thirllet to the saidis mylnes befoir they be als mony mylnes gottin and had be the toun as may be able to serve the haill toun, baithe somer and winter, nycht and day. Commissioneris for the mylnes.

21 *December* 1618.

Statutes and ordines that fra this furth na flescher, nather freman nor stranger, tak upoun thame to blaw ony flesche, ather be thair mouth or be thair okstares, nor yit brod ony flesche for blawing of the same, under the pane of confiscatioune of all sic flesche as salbe fund sa blawin or broddett and dealing of the same to the pure, unforgevin. Blawin flesche.

19 *April* 1619.

Apointes . . . commissioneris for the toun to my lord St. Androis, at the aproching synodall assemblie in Edinburgh, to sute and deale for the transportatioune of maister Henrie Fethie, or ony uther quha salbe thocht be the saidis commissioneris mair meitt to be plantet minister of this burghe. Commissionares for ane minister.

18 *July* 1619.

Anent the obites.

The counsell ordines the obites and ground annuellis belangand of ald to the chaplenes of this burgh, and now to the toun, to be collectit and takin up of the yeris [1617 and 1618], and in all tyme cuming, and remittes the same of all uther yeiris preceding, provyding that thankfull payment be maid of the saidis byrunnis but poynding; and sic as will nocht pay unpoyndet, ordines thame to be poyndet of all yeiris and termes sen thair last discharge.

7 *February* 1620.

Ministrie, preching, &c.

Ordines Williame Mureheid, thesaurare, to ansuer and pay to maister Harie Levingstoun for the help maid be him to the toun in his ministrie and preching and administratioune of baptisme and mareage, this lang tyme bigane, of the soume of ane hundreth merkis.

23 *February* 1620.

Act, Mr. Josephe Lowrie, minister.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsell of this burghe, representing the haill communitie thairof, efter tryall and cognitione takin be thame of the literature, lyf, and conversatione of maister Josephe Lowrye, minister at the kirk of Lenzie, and how apt and able he is to exerce the cure and functioun of ane minister of this burghe, hes conducet and apointet with him for his acceptatione of the said ministrie that he sall haif in stipend yeirlie the soume of fyve hundreth pundis money of this realme, quhilk, with the viccarage of this kirk reservit to James Duncanson, present possessour thairof, during his lytyme, is be the lordis commissioneris of the last parliament assignit to the minister serving or that salhappin to serve the cure of this kirk, to be payed be the erle of Mar, principall takisman of the teindschaves of the samin kirk. And in contentatioun of the foirsaid viccarage during the said James Duncansones lyftyme, the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, bindis and obleissis thame and thair successouris, and thair thesaurares in thair names, to content and pay yeirly to the said maister Josephe, during his remaining minister of this burgh, the soume of ane hundreth pundis, with tua mairtis yeirly at Alhallowmes, by and attour the mans and gleib, quhilk salbe the said maister Josephes haill provisioun for his ministrie of this burghe. . . . And he obleissis him to transport him self and his familie and to enter to the said ministrie betuix this and the first day of Junij nixtocum. And he sall nocht be haldin

to preache ofter nor twyse on the Sabbothe day, or ellis anes on the Sabbothe day and anes on the Twysday or Thuresday, oulklie. And the toun faithfullie promessis to provyde and furnes to him ane helper how sone maister Harie Levingstoun leaves af to preche on the Twysday as he hes bene in use to do thir twa yeiris bigane, quhilk helper salhaif ane chalmer or twa in the said mans gif he pleis for his studeing. And how sone the said viccarage salhappin to vaik, be deceis of the said James Duncansoun or utherwyes, the said maister Josephe obleissis him to sett, lykas be thir presentis he settis the same to the saidis proveist, baillies and counsell, and thair successouris, during all the dayes of his lyftyme, at the leist sa lang as he remanes minister of this burghe, for the yeirlie payment to him of the said soume of ane hundreth pundis and of the saidis tua mairtes now acceptit be him in contentatioun of the said viccarage as is befoir contenit. Act, Mr. Josephe Lowrie, minister.

20 *April* 1620.

Findis and thinkis it meitt and expedient that the prothocoll buikis of umquhile Sir Williame Litstar, Johnne Grahame, Johnne Mushet, Andro Buchannane, James Oswald, Robert Ramsay, and Johnne Hog, salbe travellit and delt for with maister Alexander Hay, deput in that pairt to my lord clerk of register, to be had and inbrocht to the commoun kist of this burghe for the guid of the toun and nychtbouris thairof, and thairfoir geves commissioun to the provest [and three others] to deale and agrie with the said maister Alexander Hay for the saidis prothocoll buikes, and to offer and gif him for the same the soume of four scoir or ane hundreth pundis, with ane double angell to his servandis. Anent the toun prothocollis.

22 *May* 1620.

Maister Williame Row is ressavit and admittet to be principall doctour of the grammer scole, teacher of musik, and uptaker of the psalmes in the kirk, for the space of ane yeir to cum, quha promesed faithfullie to discharge the saidis offices, for the quhilk the toun grantes him in feall as doctour tuentie merkis, and as teacher of the musik and uptaker of the psalmes tuentie li., with aucht s. in the quarter betuix him and the uther doctour, and sex s. viij d. in the quarter for teaching of the musik to ilk toun bairne in scollage and benevolence of strangeris. Mr. William Row, doctour.

9 *July* 1620.

Ratifeis and appreves the lait act of the generall conventioun of burrowes Anent the

Anent the electioun of magistratis and counsell.

maid anent the ordour and maner of the electioun of the magistrates and counsell of this burgh in all tyme cuming, quhilk is ordinit to consist and stand of the number of tuentie ane persones, to wit, of the provest, foure baillies, deane of gild, thesaurare, all merchandis and gild brother, uther sevin merchandis and gild brether, and sevin deacones of craft, but prejudice of ony heid, article or conditioune, agreit upoun betuix the toun, merchandis, and craftismen, anent the comoune weill of this burgh of befoir. And the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, obleissis thame and thair successouris to observe and keip the said ordour of electioun prescrivit be the saidis burrowes[1] in all tyme cuming.

2 *October* 1620.

Thesaurear, cutting for the stone.

Ordines Williame Mureheid, thesaurare, to gif to Malcolme Forester the soume of ten merkis for his help to satisfie the cure of the cutting his sone of the stane.

17 *November* 1620.

Prothogollis.

Ordanes William Muirheid, thair thesaurer, to pas to Edinburgh, with all dilegence, and satisfie maister Alexander Hay his hundreth pundis for the prothogollis, and to ressave the saidis prothogollis.

4 *December* 1620.

Anent the new mesouris.

Ordines fra this furth the haill furlottis, pekis, half pekis, and fourt pairt pekis, that salbe gevin furth of this burghe ather to nychtbouris or to outlandis men, salbe all jedgit, burnt, and merkit with the toun irne be the dene of gild and thesaurare; for the quhilk ilk nychtbour sall pay vj s. viij d. for marking of the firlott, iij s. iiij d. for marking of the pek, half pek, and fourt pairt pek; and ilk landwart man sall pay for marking of the firlott xiij s. iiij d., and for marking of the pek, half pek, and fourt pairt pek vj s. viij d. to the use of the toun. And ordines the saidis mesouris to be all maid agrieable to the act of parliament. And that na couper within this burghe gif out ony measouris befoir they be first markit and burnt with the tounes irone as is befoir contenit, under the pane of ten pundis; and gif ony firlote, pek, half pek, or fourt pairt pek, be fund within this burght unmarkit and burnt in maner foirsaid, the pairtie with quhome it salbe found salbe unlawit thairfoir in the soume of tuentie pundis and the mesour itself burnt and destroyet, and the

[1] Convention Records, vol. iii., p. 110.

stuff quhilk salbe fund sauld and deliverit thairwith to be confiscat and esheit to the tounes use. Anent the new mesouris.

6 *December* 1620.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, hes conducet and agreit with David Murray, musiciane, to be a doctour in the grammer schole of this burghe for teaching of the Ingleshe reding and writting, teacher of the musik and uptaker of the psalmes in the kirk, for the space of thrie yeir and ane half nixtocum, under the charge of maister James Edmestoun, principall maister of the said grammer schole; for the quhilk cure the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, grantis to the said David Murray in feall the soume of fiftie merkis money [yearly]; togider with aucht s. in the quarter for schollage and buirde of ilk toun bairne that sall leirne to reid and write, and sex s. viij d. mair of ilk toun bairne that salbe teachit in the musik, and libertie to haif of outlandis bairnes according to the benevolence of parentis. David Murray, musiciane, doctour.

18 *December* 1620.

Comperit Williame Sherer, merchand, and for obedience of the charge gevin to him for delivering of the prothogall buikes and scrollis of umquhile Johnne Muschet, producet and gaif in to Williame Mureheid, thesaurare, certane buikes and scrollis of the said umquhile Johne and umquhile Johnne Grahame, his predecessour. Anent the buikes.

20 *February* 1622.

Compeirit Alexander Stevinsoun, nychtbour, and sumtyme burges of this burgh, and confessit that he had transgressit divers actis, baith of the kirk and toun, maid anent his abstinance fra the cumpanie of Margaret Donaldsone with quhom he hes verie sclanderuslie behavit himselff, for the quhilk thay have bene baith laitlie cairtit throw this toun and utherwayis puneischit in thair persones and ordanit to abstene fra utheris, under the pane of baneischment; and thairfoir the said Alexander Stevinsone grantis himselff, of his awin consent, baith to be exylit and baneischit this burgh, and to have amittit and tint his burgeschip and libertie of the same. It is alwayis grantit to him be the magistratis that nochtwithstanding of his baneischment abonewrittin, it sall be lesum to him yeirlie, at four severall tymes, viz., at Witsonday, Mertimes, and tua fairis in harvest, to cum to this toun for doing of his lesum effairis and bussiness for the space of ane day and tua nichtis at ilk tyme. Alexander Stevinsone banished.

2 *June* 1622.

Officeris, drummer and pyperis claithes.

The counsell ordines the thesaurare to by and furnes to the foure officiares and to the drummer and pyper, ilk ane of thame, ane garment of rid Ingleshe kaser, viz., coit, breikis, and shankes, with whyte knettingis, wrocht in gude fassoun.

24 *June* 1622.

Handsenyie.

The counsell desyres Johnne Sherer, provest, to provyde and by ane handsenyie of talfitie, of the tounes cullouris, in place of the ald handsenyie quhilk is altogider worne.

15 *July* 1622.

New ensenyie.

Ordines Thomas Bachope, thesaurare, to mak payment to Johnne Sherer, provest, of the soume of thrie scoir tua li. depurset be him, at the tounes command, in Edinburgh, for ane new ensenyie or Kingis standart.

1 *August* 1622.

Entressis of boittis.

Statutes and ordines that thair salbe ane collectioun maid be William Norie, takisman of the shoir maill, of the entressis of all boittis this yeir at the shoir and gevin up be him to the clerk to be buiket be him; and fra this furth that na boitt, creare, nor uther veshell be sufferit to los at the shoir quhill first they be enterit in the clerkis buikes, for the quhilk they sall pay allanerlie tua s. to the clerk, under the pane of ten pundis ilk boitt or creare, unforgevin.

12 *August* 1622.

Erle of Linlythqw, burges and gild.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, frelie and lovinglie ressaves and admittis ane noble erle, Alexander erle of Linlythqw, to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brother of this burghe.

28 *August* 1622.

Mr. Joseph Lawrie, buikis.

Comperit maister James Edmestoun, maister of the grammer schole, quha presentet they sex buikis, viz., Zanchius thrie volumes, Thuanus Historie in tua volumes, and Plinius Naturall Historie, quhilkis wer dedicat be Sir Robert Douglas to ane librarie within this burghe, and maister Josephe Lowrie, minister of this burghe, being present, ressavit the saidis buikis in custodie and keping and promessis to mak the same furthcumand to the toun quhen he salbe requyret.

16 *September* 1622.

In presens of the counsell, Johnne Sherer, provest, producet and gaif in ane compt writtin and subscrivit with his hand, quhairintill he charget him self with the ressett, in the tounes name, of the soume of aucht hundrethe and sex pundis usuall money of this realme for the prices of threttie foure jugis of bras ventet and dispersit be him amang the frie burrowes of this realme. . . . And for the grite cair, panes and travellis, takin be the said Johnne Sherer, baithe in causing mak the saidis juges and in venting and dispersing of the same amang the frie burrowes of this realme, quhilk the toun acknawlegis to be a verie gude and memorable service done be him to thame, they assigne to him the first vaiking gilbrotheris fyne that sall occur to thame. Venting and dispersing jugis.

30 *September* 1622.

The counsell ratifeis all actis maid of befoir anent the cuming to the counsell immediatlie eftir the ringing of the bell, and modifeis the unlaw of absens to xl d. to be instantly payed quhen they cum except they be lauchfullie excusit be the provest; and the clerk to be send for with ane officer, seing he heires nocht the bell in his writing chalmer. And the counsell to meitt onlie everie xv dayes except sum extraordiner occasioun be offiret. Anent the meting of the counsell.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, all in ane voce, eftir consultatioune the deane of gild with his gild brether and the convenare with the haill craftis, nominates and apointes Johnne Sherer, provest, and [the clerk, dean of guild, and convener,] commissioneris for the toun to deale, apoint and conclude, with the Erle of Kellie and the Lord Fentoun, for the heretable richt and dispositioun to be maid be thame to the toun of thair tua mylnes, with the croftis about the same, and the freir yaird and freir croft; provyding the saidis commissioneris exceid nocht the soume of ten thousand merkis to be payed be the toun thairfoir; and als provyding that the acquyring of the saidis mylnes be the toun infer nocht ony thirlling of the toun thairto unto the tyme the toun acquyre ma mylnes, nor yit that thair be ony alteratioun or hichting of the quantitie of the multure or knaifshep that presentlie is payed. Commissioneris to deale for the mylnes.

10 *February* 1623.

Ordines Robert Broun, thesaurare, to gif to the foure ordiner officiaris the soume of aucht pundis for thair panes and travellis to be takin in outputting Anent the pure.

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and outhalding of the unkow and outland pure of the streittis and calseyes of this burghe, and fra all menes yettis and durris, fra this furth quhill the feist and terme of Michaelmes nixtocum; and recommendis the saidis officiares to the sessioun of the kirk to haif uther aucht pundis gevin be the kirk to thame for the said service.

9 *June* 1623.

Washing in the toun burn dischargit.

Ordenes publicatioun to be maid be bell or drum to the haill inhabitantis within this burgh for discharging thame to washe thar cloathis in ony pairt of the toune burne above Robert Patersones lithous, under the pane of fyve pundis, and ratifies all former actis mad thairanent.

16 *June* 1623.

Commissioner, manufacture of commodities, etc.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherer, provest, commissioner to ane meting apointet be the counsell of a number of noblemen, barones, gentlemen, and burrowes, in the burgh of Edinburgh, the nynt day of Julij nixtocum, to concur with the rest of the meting by his best advyse and counsell how the manufacture of commodities necessar for the use of the cuntrie, and speciallye of the woll, may be undertakin and directit, and societies joyned and a stok maid for bringing of sa gude a wark to perfectioun; and als to advyse upoun sum overtures anent the universall miserie of the pure and the daylie grouthe of thair nomberis to be proponit to the said publict meting.

18 *August* 1623.

Commissioneris, frie schole or college.

Apointes Johnne Sherer, provest, and Johnne Williamsoun, clerk, commissioneres to pas to Edinburgh with maister David Drummond to attend the counsell in the mater of the frie schole or college intendit be the Kingis majestie to be foundit in this burgh.

8 *December* 1623.

Anent selling of wyne.

Ratifeis and apprevis the auld lovable actis maid of befoir, and to be keipit and put in executioun, anent the selling of wyne in this burgh, berand that all wyne to be sald in this toun sould be onlye xij d. mair of the pynt nor in the principall heid burgh of Edinburgh, and ordanes the same ordour to be observit and keipit in this burgh in all tyme cuming; and seing it is now presentlie sauld in Edinburgh at x s. the pynt, the same to be sauld in this toun at xi s., and so proportionablie heirefter as wyne rysis and fallis.

29 *December* 1623.

Ordenes ane summondis of improbatioue to be raiset at the instance of our Soverane lordis advocat and the toun aganes the aires of umquhile William Bell and remanent haill possessouris of the tounes landis. . . . As also to rais lettres aganes my lord Elphinstoun and his tennendis of Craigforthe for trubling the tounes fisching, or utherwyis to deill with my lord for redres of the said wrang.

Anent the Brighauche and tounes landis and fisching.

26 *January* 1624.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherare, provest, [and two others, to appear before the secret council and pursue the summons raised by the town] against Robert Ayssoun, in Craigorthe, James and Robert Ayssones, his brether sones, for incasting of stanes in the watter of Forthe to the destructioun of the salmond fisching thairof.

Commissioneris, salmon fishing.

6 *February* 1624.

Comperit personallie Robert Ayssoun in Craigorthe, Johnne and James Ayssones, his brether sones, thair, quha humblie confessit thair fault in thair wilfull casting of fyftene grit stanes in that rak of the watter of Forthe nixt under the cruves of Craigorthe, laitlie in the monethe of Januar last bypast, to the grit hurt and prejudice of the tounes fishing; for the quhilk they becum in the tounes will, quha unlawet thame thairfoir in the soume of fourtie pundis, and ordinit thame, of thair awne consentis, to red and cleinge the said watter of the foirsaidis stanes betuix and the first day of Aprile nixtocum.

Act, Ayssones.

14 *June* 1624.

Compeirit maister Harye Levingstoun, elder minister at Sanct Ninianes kirk, and thair understanding himselff to be waik and infirme of bodye, and that he hes bene hevelie diseasit this lang tyme bygane, and thairby unable to discharge his ministerie as he hes done to this toun this lang tyme bygane maist dewtifullie and painfullie, the said maister Harye thairfoir hes frelie, with his blissing, renuncit and gevin over his charge and cure of the ministerie of this burgh in favouris of the toun, with all dewtie thairof in tyme cuming, so that thai may utherwyis dispose thairupoun at thair plesour.

Overgevingbe Mr. Harye Levingstoun, minister.

7 *March* 1625.

Ordines the maisteris of the almoushous to put ane ruif on the ile callit

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Bowyes ile of the kirk on the expenssis of the puir folkis silver, inrespect the commoditie of all buriallis within the said ile is destinat be the toun to the use of the pure.

25 *April* 1625.

Keir, dissobedience.

Anent the complaint gevin in be Johnne Sherer, provest, aganes Walter Keir, baxter, for dissobedience done be the said Walter to him in the executione of his office laitlie, being commandit be the provest to gif out to him [a female prisoner who had fled to his house], the said Walter said: the devill a fut he wald lett or gif hir out to him, with mony uther disdainfull wordis. [He is ordained] to remane in waird ay and quhill he satisfie the provest for the said offence.

16 *August* 1625.

My Lord Merchestoun, thesaurer depute, etc., burgessis and gilbrether.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, hes ressavit and admittet thair honorable and grit respectit freind Sir Archibald Neaper of Merchestoune, knycht, maister Robert Neaper of Baquhaple, and Alexander Neaper, his breither, and Mongo Neaper, servitour to the said Sir Archibald, to the libertie and freidome of burgessis and gildbreither of this burgh.

22 *August* 1625.

Grammer schole.

Conduces and aggreis with maister David Will that, for the space of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the feast and terme of Mertimes nixtocum, the said maister David sall instruct and teache the haill youthe of this burgh, and utheris quha salhappin to be presentet to him within the grammer schole, in all the pairtes of grammer and authouris, bayth Greik and Latine, during the said space of fyve yeiris, as principall maister of the said grammer schole, and sal gif and employ himself haillilie to the teaching of the said grammer schole, and nocht withdraw himself thairfra at ony tyme during the said space but licence socht and obtenit thairto of the toun. . . . [The provest, bailies and council to pay him, yearly,] the soume of ane hundreth pundis usuall money of this realme in name of feale and stipend; and for ilk tounes bairne the said maister David salbe licenciat to tak in schollage ilk quarter of the yeir sex s. viij d., with libertie to tak of gentill mennes bairnes according to the discretioun of the gevares.

28 *August* 1626.

Mr. Patrick Bell, reader, etc.

The provest, baillies and counsell, hes conducet and agreit with maister Patrik Bell, sone to maister Williame Bell, indueller of Glasgw, that for the space

of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the feast and terme of Mertimes nixtocum he sall serve the toun in the offices of ane reader in the kirk, clerk of the sessioun thairof, and teacher of the musike and uptaker of the psalmes, quhilkis offices he faithfullie promittis leallilie and trewlie to discharge according to his giftis, as he sall ansuer to God, during the space foirsaid. And for his service in the saidis offices the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, promittis to the said maister Patrik the haill frutes of the viccarage of the said kirk how sone it salhappin the samin to vaik, ather be deceis or dimissioun of James Duncansoun, present viccare and redare of the said kirk, togider with the haill alterages and chaplenreis of the samin kirk, quhairof the said James Duncansoun hes rycht and possessioun of the toun, how sone it salhappin the same to vaik as said is. And in the meyntyme, quhill the foirsaid viccarage and the saidis alterages sall happin to vaik, the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, obleissis tham, ather out of the sessioun of the said kirk or failyeing thairof furth of the commoun guid of the toun, to pay or caus be payed to the said maister Patrik Bell [200 merks yearly; with power to him] to tak scholage of tounes bairnes for teaching thame in the musik at his awin discretioun, and libertie alwyes to tak of out tounes bairnes as he and thair pairentes can agrie; and allowes to him for everie marage sex s. aucht d., and of everie baptisime tua s., and the ordiner commoditie of the registeres and of the clerkship of the kirk.

Mr. Patrick Bell, reader, etc.

30 *October* 1626.

Makis and constitutis Johnne Cowane, deane of gild, [commissioner to a convention of burghs at Edinburgh] to consult, vote, and determine anent ane sufficient number of shipis to be provydit with all warlyk furnitour to be sett out for saiftie of the countrye and preventing of the enemeis projectis and purpossis.

Anent shipping.

23 *April* 1627.

Electis [the dean of guild commissioner to a convention of burghs] anent the mater of the restrictioune of the borrowes tred, and the taking of thair shipis be the Dunkirkeris, the detenyng of thair men in bondage, the falling of thair commoun landis under the revocatioune, the granting of ane gift of the penall statutis, and utheris mentionat in the missive.

Commissioner.

7 *December* 1627.

David Stevinsone, baillie, and Thomas Coupar, tailyeour, keparis of the

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pures box of the kirk of Sterling, granttit tham to have ressavit fra John M'Nair, thesaurer, the soume of fyve hundreth merkis, quhilk wes ressavit of befoir fra crippill Jonet and destinat be hir to the use of the pure of the said kirk.

4 *February* 1628.

Anent j^c li. left be the conservatour to the almoushous.

Delyverit be Johnne Cowane, deane of gild, to Thomas Bachop, merchand, and James Spittell als Waird, baxter, maisteris of the almoushous or hospitall of Sterling, in name of the pure thairof, the soume of ane hundreth pundis money, quhilk wes left in legacie be umquhile Sir Robert Dennestoun, lait conservatour in the Law Countreis for the Scotis natioun, to the pure of the said hospitall of Sterling.

Macolme Sword, burges and gild brether.

Ressaves and admittis Macolme Sword, youngest sone of umquhile Christopher Sword, merchand, burges of this burgh, to the libertie and fredome of ane gild brether and burges. . . . Lykas the said Macolme presentlie renunces his craft and calling of skinnercraft, and actis and obleissis him, and thairupoun hes gevin his solemne athe, never to exerce nor use the said craft nor na uther craft within this burgh fra this furthe.

8 *May*, 1629.

Court held by provost and bailies; a creillman, and others convicted.

James Ramsay, creillman, son to John Ramsay, borne besyde Breichan, Marion Straittoun, his spows, Jeilles Leslie, borne in Steanhyve, and John Lyndsay, hir sone, borne in Largs, ane bastard, being accuset be John Adamsone, procuratour fiscall of this burgh, Jeillis Lennox, [and others,] for the thifteus and wrangous stealling, resetting, and intrometting with and awaye taking fra the saidis Geillis Lennox, [and others,] of certane of thair guids, geir, insicht and plenneissing, claithes, pleydes and wtheris, perteining to them, quhairof ane certaine pairt of the said gear was gotten againe fra sindrie hands as being sauld be the said creillman his wyffe, of his knawledge and command, to the saids persouns or layed in pledge to them, and wther pairt of the said gear was apprehendit and found with the said creillman and the said Geillis Leslie and hir sone at the tym of thair apprehensioun; and the said creilleman ganging throw the countrey lyk ane iydle vagabound with ane tumbe creill on his bak and nathing fund thairin to sell; and the said Geilles Leslie and hir sone haunting and resorting thair companye and ludging, eating and drinking with them, quha confessit the bying fra the said creillman

and his wyffe tua cuttis and sume yeirne and tua single pleydes, quhilk apperantlie was all stollene gear; and everie ane of the saids persouns ar fund and tryet be thair awen confessiouns and thair depositiouns that they ar commone lieris and to varye everie ane of them fra utheris in thair depositiouns, for the quhilk they aucht to be punishit in thair persouns in exampbell of utheris. [Being tried by an assize of fifteen persons,] convictis the said James Ramsay and his spous as idle and sturdye vagaboundis and commoun pykeris and evill levaris, and the said Jeillis Leslie and John Lindsay, hir sone, as iydle vagaboundis and hanteris and resorteris in the saidis evill cumpanye and societie. And thairfoir the judges ordanis the said James Ramsay, creillman, to be scurgit throwgh the toune to the Barresyett and thair burnt on the shoulder; and the said creillmans wyffe and the uther tua persouns foirsaidis to be exiled and banishit this burgh and libertie thairof for ever; and gif ever ony of the saids persouns be fund agane thairin to be hangit or drowned, but assyse or dome of law.

Court held by provost and bailies; a creillman, and others convicted.

26 *May* 1628.

The counsall ordanis na burgessis to be admittit heireftir quhill first thai produce thair armour sufficientlie in presens of the counsall.

Anent burgessis and thair armour.

21 *September* 1629.

Findis that Alexander Cunynghame, merchand, hes contravenit the acttis and ordinances of this burgh and gildrie thairof, in bigging and building with timber under the foirstair of umquhile James Stevinsones foirland foiranent the mercat croce of this burgh, quhairof baith the procuratour fischall and his nychtbouris hes complenit to the dene of gild and his bretherine and to the counsall. . . . Ordanes the said Alexander Cunynghame to demoleische and tak doun his said timber wark and mak all agane in als guid estait as it wes of befoir within xlviij houris eftir this present hour, under the pane of xl li. And dischargis him and all utheris to do the lyk agane, or mak ony uther novatioun of building or bigging within this burgh, but licence had and obtenit of the counsall thairto, under the panes contenit in the former actis.

Novatioun of building.

16 *November* 1629.

Statutes and ordanes that fra this furthe that na baxteris within this burgh, thair wyffis, barnes, servandis, nor na utheris, sell ony meaneschottis

Baxteris, anent main schottis.

Baxteris, anent mainschottis.

within the samyn, bott according to the paice and pryce of quhyt bread, conform to the statutis of this burgh.

28 *December* 1629.

Bryce, buriallis in hospitallis iyle.

Statutis and ordanes that na persone quhatsumever fra this furthe be bureit in the hospitallis iyle, within the kirk of this burgh, quhill first thair be satisfeit thairfoir, be tham that craves the same, to the maisteris of the said hospitall, in name of the pure thairof, the pryces following, to witt, for ilk persone man or woman fourtie pundis, and everye bairne tuentie pundis, unforgevin; and ordanes this act to be sett doun in the kirk sessioun book, and to be dewlie observit in all tyme cuming; and discharges the maisteris of the said hospitall of taking ony les pryces nor is befoir set doun.

3 *May* 1630.

Andro Kirkwode ressavit in hospitall.

For certane reasonabill caussis moving tham, furthe of thair pitie and compassioun, ressaves and admittis Andro Kirkwood, nychtbour and burges of this burgh, to ane place in thair nether hospitall or almoushous, to be ressavit thairin be the maisteris thairof, and to have all dewis aperteining; provyding the ressaving of the said Andro thairto be nawayis prejudiciall to the tounes actis and ordinances maid heiranent of befoir, and that he remane and abyde in the said hospitall, and obey the directiounes of the saidis maisteris in all pointis, utherwayis he to be removit and secludit fra all benefeit thairof.

Anent our ministerie.

Nominatis, appointis, and ordanes Thomas Bruce, provest, and John Cowane, thair deane of gild, commissionaris for tham, to ryd with maister Joseph Laurye, thair lait minister, to the archiebischop of Sanct Androis, and thair to confer with him anent the planting and satling of the ministrie, and to gif the said bischop ane ansuer of his last missive to the toun, and to sie how the said maister Joseph sall be provydit; and gif thei have occasioun to mak overtures of ony utheris ministeris name to cum heir, that thei propone maister Alexander Henrysone, minister of Leucheris befoir any uther.

Hammermen contrar cordineris anent the beltmakeris entrie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, having at lenth hard, sene, and considerit the complent gevin in to tham of befoir be Robert Henrysoun, deacone of the hammermen of this burgh, for himselff and in name and behalff of his haill bretherene of craft, aganes James Houstoun, deacone of the cordineris thairof, and his haill bretherene of craft, for boisting and dischairging of

James Henrye, beltmaker in Dumblane, quha wes laitlie enterit and ressavit nychtbour and burges of this burgh, to enter with the said hammermen and thair craft to quhom thei afferme he properlie pertenis, as saidleris and uther beltmakeris in uther burrowis are in use to enter with, being a pairt and pendicle of thair calling; quhilk the cordineris affirmes in the contrair that the said beltmaker pertenis mair properlie to thame; quha being desyrit to giff in thair reasonis and ansueris of befoir to the said complent, the said deacone of the cordineris declairit he wald giff in nane for the present; and thairfoir the counsall patt the said mater in voitting to quhom the said beltmaker sould enter, quha be pluralitie of voittis fand that the said John Henrye, beltmaker, aucht properlie to enter with the hammermen and to thair craft and not to the cordiner craft for ony thing thai have yitt hard and sene, specialie in respect the said decone of the hammermen hes producit and gevin in sindrie actis and ordinances of the hammermen of Edinburgh quhilk makis in favouris of the hammermen of this burgh heir. Hammermen contrar cordineris anent the beltmakeris entrie.

7 *February* 1631.

Ordanes the haill summondis of reductioun and improbatioun, raisit and persewit at the instance of the Kingis majesties advocat, and the provest, baillies, and counsell of the burgh of Sterling, the maisteris of the hospitall in name of the pure thairof, and at the instance of the minister of Stirling and his successouris, for the vicarage, mans, and gleib, to be presentlie tabulat and ane act of contenewatioun sett doun thairanent in the bookis of counsall and sessioun, to the effect the toun and utheris havand intres may prosequute and follow furthe the saidis actiounes at ony tyme heireftir at thair plesour. Tounes summondis.

7 *March* 1631.

Ordanes Patrik Sword, thair thesaurer, to caus mend and repair agane the calsey at the barresyett and toun wall at the Dirtraw, quhilk wes brokin yisterday, being Sonday, be the great spait of water that brak out of the park loche. Calsey and toun wall, spait of water.

21 *March* 1631.

Charles Scherar, Scottisman, and now indueller in Dort in Holland, hes instantlie at the dait heirof, out of the love and favour quhilk he hes and beiris to the said burgh of Stirling, and to the weill and standing thairof, Charles Sherar, ministrie and pure.

Charles Sherar, ministrie and pure.

gevin, payit, and delyverit to the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, and to thair thesaurer foirsaid in thair name, all and haill the soume of ane thousand merkis guid and usuall money foirsaid of this realme, to be bestowit and imployit be tham for the use of thair said kirk, ministerie or pure thairof, as thai sall think maist meit and expedient.

Craftis fynes and entressis.

Findis that thair hes bene ane great abuse amang the craftis of this burgh in tymes bygane for dealing amang tham of thair fynes and entressis quhen it wes gottin in, and not imploying the samyn to the use of thair pure decayit bretherine, wedowis, and thair bairnes, aganes all law, equitie and resoun, and to the great hurt of the craftis and in contrair the actis of burrowis; and thairfoir the counsall discharges the lyk abuse in tyme cuming, and be consent of the haill craftis deacones present, ordanes the saidis fynes and entressis to be imployit and keipit to the richt use foirsaid and to na uther use, under all hiest pane and chairge that eftir may follow.

12 *April* 1631.

Act, silver bellis of the burgh.

In presens of [the provost and bailies] compeirit personallie maister Thomas Rollok, younger, burges of the said burgh of Sterling, and become actit and obleist, of his awen confessioun, as cawtioner and souertie for John Drummond of Garnok, that he sall exhibit, present, and delyver to the proveist, or ony ane of the bailleis of the said burgh of Sterling, within the said burgh, upon the first day of Marche nixtocum, all and haill theis silver bellis, extending to the number of aucht bellis, weyand in the haill aucht unce and nyne drape weight, quhilk he wane this day, being Peace Tuesday, at the bell reace, to be rune againe the nixt Peace Tuesday betuix Bannokburne and Sterling, and that under the paine of fyve hundreth merkes money of this realme to be payd to the thesaurer of this burgh to the tounes wse in caise of failyie.

13 *June* 1631.

Act aganes Johnne Williamsoun.

The provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, concludes and ordanes that in respect Johnne Williamsoun, sumtyme thair clerk, quha opinlie and voluntarlie in counsall, at Michaelmes 1627, had dimittit his office of clerkship of this burgh in favouris of the counsall, and now laitlie this day had causit summond the provest, baillies, and haill counsallouris, with thair clerk, thesaurer, and procuratour fischall, befoir the lordis for allegit ejecting of him

at the said terme of Michaelmes 1627 fra his said office, quhilk the counsall thinkis ane maist manifest abuse and wrang done to the haill toun; and thairfoir ordanes the said caus (being a commoun caus of the toun) to be defendit upoun the tounes expenssis; and farder ordanes and concludes that the tounes summondis and actioun aganes the said Johnne Williamsoun for thair prothogollis, bookis and warrandis, sall be prosequute and followit furthe with all expeditioun, lykwayis upoun the tounes charges.

Act aganes Johnne Williamsoun.

11 *July* 1631.

Andro Young, baillie, producit in counsall ane act of the sessioun of the kirk of Stirling, under the subscriptioun of maister Patrick Bell, thair reidar and clerk of the said kirk sessioun, of the dait the 7 day of Junij last, quhairby thaj had approvin and allowit the said baillie his procedingis in bying of ane bell to the kirk, fra my Lord Madertie, quhilk wes hung wp in the kirk steple, for the quhilk the said baillie had satisfeit and maid the rest of the expenssis in hinging the same, to be allowit be him, as maister of the kirk wark, in his comptis. Lykas, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall appreves and allowis the said Andro Young, baillie, his haill procedingis and doinges thairin, to the great creditt and decoratioun of the toun and kirk.

Anent the new kirk bell.

25 *July* 1631.

Ordanes Patrick Sword, thair thesaurer, to pay and delyver to Johnne Robene, thair clerk, fiftie merkis money for helping to repair Bonnokburne brig.

Bonnokburne brig.

7 *November* 1631.

Ordanes that for the bettir reparatioun and uphalding of thair kirk in tyme cuming, and for the help and supplie of thair pure, that all the commodities that sall happin to be gottin for the funerall and buriall places within the said kirk and passages to the iyles thairin, and for privat mariages, togidder with the collectiounes for the pure, penalties and uther accidentis pertening to the kirk and sessioun, salbe collectit and ingadderit and put wp be the maisteris and collectouris thairof in ane box and purs; and quhat is necessar for the reparatioun of the said kirk the same to be first tane aff the same, and the rest to be delt and destributit to the pure as the magistratis and sessioun of the kirk sall think maist meit and expedient.

Reparatioun of kirk and help of the pure.

5 *March* 1632.

Copie signatour of Edinburgh.

Delyverit be Johnne Robene, in counsall, the copye of the toun of Edinburghis great infeftment, daittit in anno 1603, to be putt in the counsall bowell, to the toun of Stirlingis use.

23 *April* 1632.

Act anent our ministerie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, ar content with maister Henrye Guthrye, minister at Guthrie kirk, his teiching and doctrine, quhilk thai hard twys yisterday and uther twa dayis of befoir, and ar willing to have him to be thair pastor, and yit, for the peoples farder satysfactioun, desyris the approbatioun of the sessioun of the kirk, and a particular meiting of the dene of gild with his bretherine, and the convenar and the rest of the decones with thair bretherine of craft, and visitour of the maltmen with his bretherine, and to report thair willis and myndis heiranent this day aucht dayis to the counsall of the toun.

30 *April* 1632.

Act anent ministerie and commissionares.

Being convenit for treating on the satling of thair ministerie and uther thair commoun affaires; eftir report maid this day in counsall be the dene of gild for himselff and his bretherine the merchandis, and the convenar for him selff and the haill craftis (thair decones being present in counsall), and be sindrye utheris as sessionaris of the kirk, and uther nychtbouris of the toun, as wes desyrit the last counsall day, anent thair myndis and willis concerning maister Henrye Guthrye, minister at the kirk of Guthrie, and of his teiching and doctrine quhilk they had hard twys yisterday, being the Sabothe day, and uther tua severall dayis of befoir, declairit oppinlie that thai ar weill content and pleasit with him and his doctrine, and ar content and willing to have him to be thair pastor; quhairwith also the haill counsall of the toun war content. [Commissioners appointed to treat with the archbishop of St. Andrews and the minister for his settlement in the burgh.]

8 *October* 1632.

Act anent the colledge of Glasgow toun.

Having consideratioun of the petitioun of the commissionaris for the colledge of Glasgow desyring support of this toun for the help of the edifeing and bigging of the said colledge, as utheris weill affectit bayth of the burrowis

as nobilitie and gentrye hes offerit, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, out of the love and zaill thay have and bearis to the propagatioun of the trew religioun and for the bettir tranyng and bringing wp of youthe at the said colledge, have frelye and voluntarlie granttit to pay for advancement of the said wark, sua weill intendit, the soume of thre hundreth merkis Scottis money, and ratefeis and approves the hand writt and subscriptioun of Thomas Bruce, our provest, putt to the saidis commissionaris book of voluntar contributioun maid thairanent. Act anent the colledge of Glasgow toun.

11 *February* 1633.

The baillies and counsall, being convenit for treating on thair commoun effairis, and specialie for reparatioun of thair kirk quhilk wes greatumlie harmit and skaythit throw the great tempest of windis on the 6 and 7 dayis of Februar instant, concludes and ordanes, for the better help and reparatioun of the said kirk for the present, that the maisteris of the nether hospitall or almoushous of this burgh presentlie ansuer and advance to the maisteris of wark of the said kirk the soume of ane thowsand merkis money of Scotland; as also that the maisteris of the kirkis box ansuer and advance furth of thair pures box for the help foirsaid the haill moneyis being thairin for the present. Reparatioun of kirk, great tempest.

The counsall ordanes the tounes thesaurer to repair thair grammer scoole, decayit throw the occasioun foirsaid, and putt on ane new ruiff thairon and theik the same with sclaitt, and putt workmen thairto with all diligence, on the tounes charges. Reparatioun, grammer scoole.

8 *April* 1633.

Anent the reparatioun of the kirk quhilk wes greatumlie harmit and skaithit throw the great tempest of windis on the 6 and 7 dayis of Februar last bipast, quhairanent the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, [on 11th February authorised the masters of the hospital and of the kirk box to advance money for its reparation]; and seing thair is not so mutche reddye moneyis for the present in the said kirkis box as will help and repair the said kirk be the tent pairt, thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, being maist willing that the pure of the said hospitall and thair maisteris thairof be nawayis frustrat, bot rather sufficientlie securit for the said soume of ane thousand merkis, [bound themselves to repay the same out of the readiest money to be collected for repair of the kirk or otherwise]. Act for the hospitall anent the kirk.

13 *May* 1633.

Propyne for the King.

Concludis and agreis for a propyne aganes his Maiesties cuming to this toun, viz., a silver coup to be maid in guid fassioun, heiche sett, with a cover ourgilt with gold, at the sicht of the magistratis, on the tounes charges.

20 *May* 1633.

Executionar.

Thomas Grant, borne in Glenalmond, under David Murray of Buchindye, ressavit and sworne servand and executionar to this toun of Stirling during his lyftyme, and sall not remove nor absent himselff aff the toun but licence of the magistratis, under the pane of daithe.

18 *June* 1633.

Curia burgi. Anent the kings careage.

Compeirit David Stevinsone and James Fothringhame, bailleis, for taking ordour anent the Kings Majesteis careage swa far as is imposit on this towne, the chairge quhairof wnder them is imposit on Walter Wallace, thair constable, sworne for that effect, and theis that hes horssis being warnit to this day againe nyne houris be John Forrester, officiar, and the compeirantes as is nottet on the roll being enjoynit, ilk ane of them wnder the paine of xx li., and the rest absent ar unlawit ilk ane of them in x li. and ordanit to be wardit; quhairupon dome is given.

4 *July* 1633.

Sindrye of the Kingis servandis burgessis and gild brether.

The provest, baillies, dene of guild, thesaurer, and sindrie utheris of the counsall of this burgh being convenit, the persones efternominat war ressavit and admittit frelie in burgessis and gild brethir of the said burgh, quhairof pairt being present war sworne, and utheris absent thair burges tickettis war gevin to utheris to giff to them, as followis:—Presentes, burgessis ressavit and sworne: Sir Harye Hungatt, gentilman of his Majesties privie chalmer, Sir Richard Lechforde, gentilman pensionar to his Majestie; Sir Harye Mudie, baronet; [and 47 others, the last being] Johnne M'Beathe, servand at the Quenis Majesteis bakstairis. Burgessis absentis not sworne, quhais tickettis are delyverit to utheris to giff tham: Sir Richard Young, gentilman of his Majesties privie chalmer, [and five others].

8 *July* 1633.

The bischop of London and utheris burgessis and gild brethir.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsall, frelie ressavit and admittit the persones following to the libertie and fredome of burgessis and gild brether of the said burgh, quha maid faithe as use is:—the reverend father in God,

William lord bishop of London; the reverend father in God, William lord bishop elect of Helyforde; Johnne bishop of Ros; maister James Aynslie chaplane to my lord bischop of Ross, maister James Hannay, preicher at Halyruidhous; James Kirk, his servitour; [and fourteen others]. The bischop of London and utheris burgessis and gild brethir.

26 *July* 1633.

Ordanes James Fothringhame, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh, and efter advyse of our tounes advocatis to requyre Johnne Williamsoun, sumtyme thair clerk, to cum to Sterling betuix and the xv day of August nixtocum, and to accept the place of clerkship thairof on him, conforme to the decreit of the lordis of sessioun. Anent Johnne Williamsounes repositioun.

14 *August* 1633.

The provest, baillies and counsall, having hard the report of John Johnestoun, merchand, commissionar for this burgh to St. Androis, declairit that the burrowis hes concludit and ordanit that ilk burges, at the tyme of thair admissioun, fra that furthe sould giff thair aithes that thai procure no monopollis; and that all scoollis within burgh begin to teiche Wodderburnes grammer fra Michaelmes nixt, and to send to the agent of the burrowis for the bookis and pay for them; as also that na fremen sall bye nor take pairt in schipping with unfremen fra this furth, and thai that hes tane pairt alreddye sall quytt them selffis within yeir and day, under the pane of j^{c} li. and tyning of thair libertie. Report anent the burrowis.

15 *August* 1633.

Johne Robene, principall clerk, for obedience of the proveist, bailleis, and counsallis ordinance, this day, and of befoir at everie Michaelmes quhan he was sworne clerk, hes delyverit to Thomas Andersone, thesaurer of this burgh, with consent of the cownsall, the haill buikis, prothogollis, and warrandis perteining to the towne, sen his admissioun at Michaelmes 1627. Delyverie of prothogollis and warrandis.

According to the decreit [of the lords of council and session] the proveist, bailleis and counsall, willinglie reposessit and enterit John Williamsone to the office of clerkshipe to be bruikit and joysit be him conforme to the said decreit and act of admissioune mentionat thairintill, be delyvering to him of ane of the buikis of caussis and commoune stampt or caschett of the said burgh. Repositioun of Johne Williamsone.

6 *January* 1634.

Act of taxatioun.

Haifing consideratioun that Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, Johnne Sherare, and Johnne Johnestoun, merchandis, burgessis of the said burgh, be commissioun and poware gevin to thame from the baillies and counsall of the samyn burghe, had maid ane offir to pay to his Maiestie and to ane noble and potent marquise James marquise of Hamyltoun, collectour generall of the extentis, ordinar and extraordinare, grantet to his hienes in the lait parliament haldin at Edinburgh, the tuentie aucht day of Junij last bipast, the soume of ten thousand merkis money of this realme for the extent of the tua of ten grantit furthe of the annuellis of the termes of Mertimes [1633, Whitsunday and Martinmas 1634, 1635, and 1636; also, £4,793 8s. Scots] for the ordinare taxatioun, and for the extraordinare taxatioun of the sextene pennye grantet furthe of the annuellis of the termes of Mertimes [1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638 and 1639, all to be paid together and in one sum at Whitsunday next; which offer having been accepted, the provest, bailies and council now bound themselves to pay the sums agreed upon.]

16 *June* 1634.

Sailleris of Kirkaldie.

Condiscendis that betuix thame and the sessioun of the kirk thair salbe gevin to the releif of the sailleris of Kirkaldie, prisoneris in Argeres, the soume of *(blank)*.

1 *September* 1634.

Act, thesaurer, King's visit.

Remittis to Johnne Robesoun, travellour, the sextene pundis for his nychtbourheid and burgesship, in respect of the service done be him to the toun the tyme of his Majesteis being in Scotland, in hambringing and taking agane to Edinburgh the sport stafes and gownes.

29 *September* 1634.

Ringing of bell.

Robert Henrysoun obleist him as cautiouner for Patrick Christie, officer, that he sall attend and ring the ten hour bell nychtlie, and sall nocht leave af the ringing thairof, nor yit the ringing of the counsell bell, befoir the space of ane quarter of ane hour be first spendit.

Anent John Cowane's legacies, etc.

The provest, baillies, and counsell of the burghe of Sterling, being convenit in the counsell hous within the tolbuithe thairof, for treating upoun the commoun effaires of the same, comperit personallie Allexander Cowane, brother and air of umquhile Johnne Cowane, merchand, burges of the said

burghe, and executour lauchfullie confirmet to him, and shew and declared that his said umquhile brother, on his deid bed, in his latter will and testament, tuke the said Allexander sworne that he sould faithfullie performe that quhilk he wes to declair and will him to do eftir his deceis, to witt, that with all convenient diligence he sould provyde out of the reddiest of his guidis, geir and dettis, the soume of fourtie thousand merkis usuall money of this realme, quhilk the said umquhile Johnne, furthe of his zeale to the glorie of God and out of the love he had to this burghe, he had left, assignet, destinat, and apointet to be waired and bestowed upoun ane hospitall or almoushous to be buildit in sum commodious place within this burghe for sustenying thairintill the nomber of tuelf decayed gilbrother, burgessis and induellaris of the said burghe; and according to the foirsaid latter will the said Allexander Cowane, air and executour foirsaid of his said umquhile brother, being movit in conscience and dewtie to performe and fulfill his said umquhile brotheris latter will abonewrettin, producet and gaif in ane band and obligatioun subscrivit with his hand of the day and dait of thir presentis, oblessing him to the payment of the foirnamit soume of fourtie thousand merkis for the use of the foirsaid hospitall, to be callit in all tyme cuming Cowanes Hospitall, at the termes and in maner mentionat in the foirsaid band; quhilk band and obligatioun the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, thankfullie ressavit and acceptit be the hand of Thomas Bruce, provest, and gaif God thankis quha movit the said umquhile Johnnes mynd to sa gude a worke, and they promest faithfullie to concur and assist to the perfyting of the foirsaid wark and latter will, and to sett doun ane mair ample commemoratioun thairof in all the buikis of this burghe in dew and competent forme as effeires. And farder, the said Allexander Cowane shew and declaired that his said umquhile brother had left for the use of the maister of the schole five hundreth merkis, and for the use of the secund minister uther fyve hundreth merkis, quhilkis soumes the said Allexander Cowane instantlie payed and deliverit to James Robertsoun, thesaurer, quhairof he grantis the ressait. Farder the said Allexander declared that it wes his brotheris desyre that the toun wald grant to the said Allexander and to Issobell Alexander, his mother, and to the posterite of thair bodies and of thair lyne ane buriall place within thair kirk on the north syde thairof betuix the pilleris quhair his umquhile father wes bureit, with power to set up ane convenient memoriall or monument on the

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face of the north syde wall of the said kirk, quhair thair wes ane dur of ald, neir to the Patersones ile, without closing up ony boundis of the kirk at all; quhilk desyre the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell thocht ressonabill, and thairfoir grantis the same conforme to the desyre foirsaid. And desyres the minister, elderis, and deacones of the sessioun of the said kirk, lykewyes to condiscend thairto be act of thair sessioun buik in ample forme as effeires.

1 *June* 1635.

Act, thesaurer and minister; Orkney and Shetland.

Ordines James Robertsoun, thesaurer, to ressave and uplift fra maister Harie Guthrie, minister, the fyve hundrethe merkis quhilk wes laitlie collectit bot nocht bestowit for the support and help of the distrest and famished people of Orknay and Shetland, to be employed be the said thesaurer for sum of the tounes present neidfull adoes for the quhilk he salbe comptable to the toun; and ordines the said thesaurer to gif band to the said minister for making the lyke soume furthcumand ather to the use foirsaid of the said distrest and famished people, or to sum uther gude and pious use, as the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell, with the minister and sessioun of the kirk, sall determine and think expedient.

31 *August* 1635.

Thesaurer, sone dyell.

Ordines James Robesoun, thesaurer, to ansuer and mak payment to Johnne Service, maissoun, of the soume of tuentie merkis for his werkmanship of the sone dyell sett up be him on the foirface of the clerkis hous foirnent the mercat croce.

30 *May* 1636.

Act anent the laddell dewtie.

[The council ordained the act dated 26th April, 1613,[1] and decree of the privy council in fortification thereof to be registered here for confirmation of the same. The decreet is dated 11th March, 1613, and proceeds on letters raised by his Majesty's advocate and by the deacons of crafts] in name of the haill remanent craftismen, and utheris, handleris and treaderis with victuall within the said burgh of Sterling, makand mentioun that quhair thir divers yeires bygane the maist pairt of the merchandis of the said burgh (of quhilk sort and rank of peopell the haill counsell of the toun doethe consist, tua craftismen onlie haifing voice thairintill,) hes borne ane very great heatret and malice aganes the haill craftismen of the said toun (quhairof sum number ar

[1] Ante, p. 134.

victuall handleris), and by all direct and indirect menes hes ever socht to draw thame to truble, faschrie, and extraordinarie great chargis and expenssis, thairby to worke with thame thair utter wrak and owerthraw; and not of long tyme syne the commissionaris who wer apointit be the lordis of his Majesties privie counsall to satle and tak away the elistis and differences standing betuix the merchandis and craftismen of the said burghe haifing, with no small panis, in some measour satled and pacefied thame in ane ressonable good ordour and quyetnes, appyning that the saidis merchandis and thair associate suld haif na farder insist to have bereft the saidis complenaris of thair liberties and privilegis dew to thame within the said burgh, bot sould haif sufferit thame to have peaceablie injoyit thair saidis liberties and civilie and modestlie to haif levit besydis thame as being all memberis of ane bodie; notwithstanding, it is of treuthe that in the monethe of November or thairby last bypast the provest, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, all of thame consisting of merchandis, except only tua craftismen as said is, assistit be some seditious and fractious persones within the said burgh, verie presumptuoslie and unlauchfullie be thame selfis, without the generall consent of the haill bodie of the said burght, (the saidis tua craftismen counselleris of the said burgh dissasentyng from thame) and without ony warrand from his Majestie or lordis of his hienes privie counsall, and als without the consent or allowance of the burrowes of this kingdome, hes statute and ordenit be act of the said counsall that the saidis complenaris, and all utheris friemen within the said burgh who sall hapin to bring ony sort of victuall within the same from ony pairt of the kingdom outwith the libertie of the said burgh, ather for thair awin propper use, or to be sauld be thame in smallis or in breid or drink within the said burgh for the commoun benefite of the toun, sall pay to the customair of the said burgh out of everye lead of the said victuall ane pretendit unlauchfull custome, impost, or custome callit be thame the laydell dewtie, as the said pretendit act maid thairanent at lenthe beiris, quhilk act they intend to caus be put to executioun againes the saidis complenaris. Lykas they haif alreadie, upoun the aucht day of Februar last, by opin violence and be way of bangastrie and oppressioun tane and apprehendit James Hendersoun and Walter Keir, baxteris, burgessis and frie craftismen and nychtbouris of the said burgh, and committit thame to waird within the tolbuthe thairof for thair lauchfull refusing to mak payment of the said unlauchfull custome and as yit keipis and

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detenis thame in prisoun and strait captivetie, they being his Maiesties frie legis ansuerable and obedient to his hienes lawis, and thair being no lauchfull sentence nor decreit standing againes thame. Albeit, it be of verety that nather in the said burgh of Sterling, nor in na uther burghe within this kingdome, wes thair ever ony suche dewtie exactit or intendit to haif bene exactit be the magistratis of the burrowes fra ony frieman for victuall bocht be thame in the cuntrie and inbrocht in the saidis burrowes but the layddell dewtie of the said burgh of Sterling, and of all uther burrowis of this kingdome, utherwyse callit the geat dychtyngis, gevin fra the beginyng to the burrowes for keiping of the geattis of the burghes cleine, is onlie extendit aganes unfremen who presentis thair victuall to the mercatis of the saidis burrowes allanerlie and na farder, as the uther small commodities presentit be the unfremen to mercatis payis thair customes accordinglie; and gif this impost and custome be exactit and uptane from fremen and nychtbouris of the burgh they thairby ar in no better caice and conditioun nor ane unfreman, and lossis the libertie and privelege dew to thame within the said burgh quhairof they and thair predicessouris hes bene in peaceble possessioun sen the first erecting of the same burgh; and the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh, the saidis tua craftismen representing the saidis haill craftismen, and maist pairt of the bodie of the said toun dissasenting in this mater from the remanent of the said counsall, mycht nocht lauchfullie have maid the said act nor na suche uther statute or act as mycht haive bereft thame of thair ancient liberties and privilegis within the said burgh, and far les may they or aucht they to put the said pretendit act to executioun againes the saidis complenaris or ony of the brethren of the saidis craftis, except the same had bene first authorized and apprevin be his Majestie and lordis of his privie counsall, or than that they haid had the consent of the burrowes to the making thairof, as they haif not. . . . The lordis of secreite counsall findis and declaris that the act foirsaid anent the custome of the laidill is lauchfullie maid for the weil of the said burgh, and ordenis the same to ressave executioun, with this interpretatioun, limitatioun and restrictioun alwyse, that the said act salbe extendit onlie againes suche persones inhabitantis of the said burgh who buyes and bringis victuall to the said burgh and sellis the same ower againe in that kynd, space, and sort as it was bocht, [etc., to same effect as the act dated 26th April, 1613, *antea* p. 134. The lords also freed Hendersoun and Keir from ward, and discharged the unlaw.]

20 *February* 1637.

Haifing consideratioun that Allexander Cowane of Wester Polmais hes now performit the legacie of umquhile Johnne Cowane, merchand, burges of the said burghe, maid be him of the soume of fourtie thousand merkis money of this realme left for edifeing of ane hospitall within this burghe to be callit Cowanes Hospitall in all tyme coming, in maner mentionat in the contract maid betuix the toun and the said Allexander thairanent, [the provest was instructed to deliver up his bond dated 29th September, 1634.] Act, Alexander Cowane.

Nominates, electis, and cheses James Robesoun, younger, merchand, in preceptour, thesaurer, and maister of wark of the new hospitell or almoushous callit Cowanes Hospitell, quhill the feast and terme of Michelmes nixtocum, quha maid faithe as use is. Preceptour of Cowanes Hospitell.

25 *September* 1637.

Ratifeis and approves the supplicatioun underwrittin, gevin in be Johnne Johnnstoun, baillie, in name of the provest, baillies, and counsell of this burghe, for the haill communitie thairof, to the lordis of his Majesties secreit counsell laitlie the [*blank*] day of September instant, quhairof the tenour followis:—My lordis of secreit counsell,—Unto your lordshipis humlie meanes and shawes we, his Majesteis maist humble and loyall subjectis, the provest, baillies, and counsell of Sterling, in name of the haill communitie thairof, that seing thair wes ane proclamatioun gevin furth upoun the tuentie day of December, 1636, for authorizing ane certane buik of commoun prayer to be the onlie forme of Godis worship within this kingdome, commanding all subjectis, baithe ecclesiasticall and civile, to conforme thameselfis thairto, and the contravenares to be condignlie censured and punishet; quhilk buike wantis nocht onlie all approbatioun of generall assembleis and ratificatioun by any act of parliament, the auctoritie quhairof hes hitherto bene fund necessar for establishing of materis of religioun and Godis worship, bot also is fund to contene a form of worship dangerouslie suerving frome the forme of religioun, worship and doctrine, quhilk we haif bene tacht and haif followit universallie hitherto sence our happie reformatioun from poprie, and according to the reule of Godis word and warrand of divers actis of parliament; and yit, nochtwithstanding ane warrand is gevin from your lordshipis in Julij last, 1637, to charge the The tounes supplicatioun to the counsell.

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ministeris with lettres of hornying to by at least, eche of thame, tua of the saidis buikes within fyftene dayes, for the use of the perochine, as the charge geves ws to understand, be virtew quhairof the ministeris ar begun to be pressed and the buik to be bocht and sua to draw nerar to be practised, quhairby we his Majesteis subjectis ar reddie to be brocht in straites ather to conforme to the said forme of service and consent to suche a dangerous innovatioun of religioun, or ellis to be lyable to censures and punishmentis for nocht consenting; theirfoir it is our humble supplicatioun to your lordshipis that this our caice and difficultie may be favorablie representit to his Majestie, and your lordshipis supplicatioun joyned with ouris that we may be deliverit frome the feare of this and all farder innovationes of religioun and be incuraget to serve God and his Maiestie the mair cherefullie. And your lordships ansuer humlie we exspect.

2 *October* 1637.

Act anent the teilling of the Brighauche.

Ordines Johnne Russell, thesaurer, be advyse of the deane of gild and convenare, to caus teill and labour the Brighauche and saw the same this yeir, and for that effect to provyde seid for sawing and plewes for teilling, on the tounes expenssis.

13 *October* 1637.

Commissioun anent the service buke.

Nominates and apointes Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, David Stevinsoun, deane of gild, and Christopher Russell, convener, commissioneris for the toun, to petitioun and supplicat the lordis of his Maiesteis secret counsell that it wald please the Kingis majestie, yit as of befoir, to represent to his hienes the caice and difficultie of the embracing of the service buik, and that the saidis lordis wald joyne to thair supplicatioun the saidis lordis awin supplicatioun, quhairby this congregatioun may be deliverit from the feir of this and all farder innovatiounes of religioun and be incuragit to serve God and the Kingis majestie the mair cherefullie.

1 *December* 1637.

Commissioun, provest, anent the service buke.

Whairas thair wes gevin in to his Majesties counsall a nomber of petitiones frome the noble men, barrones, gentrie, burrowes and ministrie throughout the severall pairtes of the kingdome aganes the service buke and buke of the cannones and constitutiones of the kirk and kirk governament,

contenyng divers grevances to be represented to his Majestie, and quhairas his Majestie hes nocht as yit declaret his gracious will and plesour anent the saidis petitiounes, and that it is thocht fitting be the lordis of his Majesteis secreit counsall, for eschewing of neidles charges and uther inconvenientis, that sume commissioneris salbe nominat be everie shyre, presbiterie, and burghe, to attend his Majesties ansuer and to gif sic remonstrances as salbe fund requisite in name of those for quhome they ar commissioneris; thairfoir the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burghe, hes maid, constitute, and ordinet Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, commissioner for the said burghe. Commissioun, prouest, anent the service buke.

12 *February* 1638.

Statutes and ordines that na flescheour within this burghe tak upoun hand fra this furthe, at the breking of ony beif, veale, or uther flesche, to tak to thame selfis ony collope of the same, bot onlie thair dewtie of tua s. viij d. the beast; so yit gif ony flescheour transgres quhatsumever statute that is sett doun and proclamit in the Bakraw yeirlie for gude ordour of the mercat, that Johnne Litlejohnne, present deacoun of the flescheouris, and his successouris deacones for the tyme, sall pay to the tounes thesaurer, or to thair procuratour fischal for the tounes use, fyve pundis, *toties quoties*, vnforgevin. Act, flescheouris.

12 *March* 1638.

Haifing consideratioun of the grit prejudice and harme quhilk the baxteris friemen of this burgh sustenes throw the grit abuse that hes laitlie cruppin in within the same, by sindrie nychtbouris, nocht frie to duell nor tred thairintill, to baik, tap, and sell ait brede caikes, baithe at ane heiche price and ane law wecht or paise, statutes thairfoir and ordines that fra this furth in all tyme cuming na inhabitant nor indueller of this burgh tak upoun hand to baik, tap, or sell ony aitt breid caikis within the same, under the pane of confiscatioun thairof to the use of the pure and farder punishing of thame in thair person and gudis at the sicht of the magistrates, exceptand browstares that sall baik, tap, or sell aitt breid for the saill of thair aill within thair houssis, and nocht to sell the same without thair saidis houssis. It is alwyes herewith provydet that the baxteris friemen of this burghe furnes the toun with aitt breid maid in leaves or bapes of the wecht or paise and price sett Act, baxteris.

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doun in the table insert in this counsall buik,[1] for the quhilk Christopher Russell, present deacone of the baxteris of this burghe, for him and his successouris, deacones of the said craft, salbe answerable to the toun yeirlie but fraud or gyle.

28 *May* 1638.

Commissioneris to meit with nobilitie, gentrie, etc.

Nominates and electis Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, James Robertsoun, baillie, and Christopher Russell, convener, commissioneris to convene and meit with the nobilitie, gentrie, burrowes and ministrie of this realme, at Edinburgh, the secund day of Junij nixtocum, thair then to concur with thame be thair best advyse and assistance for resolutioun anent the Kingis Majesteis plesour, quhilk is to be declared at Dalkeyth the sext day of Junij foirsaid, for satling the commotiones of this kingdome, conforme to the missive bill direct to the toun be the commissioneris of Edinburgh thairanent.

18 *June* 1638.

Act anent the fischer cobles.

It is statute and ordinit that fra this furth in all tyme cuming na ferrie boit nor fischer coble sall pas be nycht nor day, nather hither nor yond the watter of Forthe at the brig, nor under nor abone the same, within the tounes libertie of the watter, ather for transporting of people or uther wair or commoditeis quhatsumever, under the pane of fyve pundis to be exactit and tane of the maister and awner of ilk boat and coble, unforgevin.

21 *June* 1638.

Act, Mr. William Jak.

I, maister William Jak, student in divinitie, grant me to haif ressavit fra James Fothringhame, ane of the baillies of the said burgh, in name of the

[1] Table of aitt breid.

Ait mele sauld for	xij penny baps sould wey	x penny baps sould wey	viii penny brede sould wey	vi penny brede sould wey
5 lib.	16 unce.	14 unce.	11¼ unce.	10 unce.
6 ,,	14 ,,	12 ,,	10 ,,	9¼ ,,
7 ,,	11½ ,,	9¼ ,,	8 ,,	7½ ,,
8 ,,	9½ ,,	7 ,,	7½ ,,	6 ,,
9 ,,	8¼ ,,	6 ,,	6½ ,,	5¼ ,,
10 ,,	7½ ,,	5½ ,,	5¼ ,,	4¾ ,,

provest, remanent baillies and counsall thairof, tua buikis perteining to the said burgh, ane thairof callit Chemnitius on the Evangelistis, and the uther Cornelius Alexander on St. Paullis Epistoles; quhilk I obleissis me to redelyver bak agane to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell, quhensoever they salbe requyrit. Act, Mr. William Jak.

16 *July* 1638.

Ordines the gres mercat to be transportet and changet fra the hiegait to the bak raw fornent James Couperis hous on the north syde and Thomas Allanes hous on the southe syde. Gres mercat changet.

1 *October* 1638.

Ordines, for decencies caus and gude ordour to be observit amangis the baillies of this burghe, that the aldest chosin baillie salhaif precedencie and place, baithe of sitting, ingoing, and voting, befoir ane laitter chosin baillie, but contraversie, in all tyme cuming. Anent the precedencie of baillies.

8 *October* 1638.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and kirk sessioun of the said burghe, haifing diligentlie considerit the manifald corruptiones, innovationes and disordouris, disturbing our peace and tending to the overthrow of the religioun and liberties of the reformit kirkis within this realme, quhilkis hes cum to pas especiallie throw want of the necessar remedie of generall assemblies, als weill ordiner as *pro re nata*, enjoyed by this kirk for mony yeiris and ratifeid by actis of parliament; and now seing, by the mercie of God, our Soverane Lord the Kingis Maiestie hes apointet ane frie generall assemblie to be haldin at the citie of Glasgw the tuentie ane day of November nixtocum; thairfoir be thir presentis mominates and electes Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest of the said burgh, thair lauchfull commissioner, gevand and grantand to him thair full poware, commissioun, and expres charge to repair to the said assemblie at the day and place foirsaid, or to ony uther day or place quhair and quhen the samyn salhappin to sitt, and thair, with the rest quha salbe authorized with lauchfull commissioun, in the tounes name, to propone, treate, ressoun, vote and conclude, according to the word of God, in all ecclesiasticall materis that salhappin to be proponed, competent to ane frie generall assemblie and tending to the glorie of God and advancement of the kingdome of Christ and the gude of religioun, as they will ansuer to God and this kirk thairupoun. Commissioner for assemblie at Glasgow.

18 *February* 1639.

Hors mercat.

The counsell ordines that the oulklie hors mercat of this burgh, quhilk begynnes ordinerlie a litle befoir seid tyme and continewes quhill eftir that seid tyme be done, be keipit and haldin in the valey and in na uther place of this toun.

29 *April* 1639.

The provest commissioner to the parliament.

Nominates and cheses Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, commissioner for the toun to the parliament apointet to be haldin at the burghe of Edinburghe the fyftene day of Maij nixtocum, withe powar to him to convene, meit, ressoun, vote, and determyne in all thingis that sal hapin to be proponit and movit in the said parliament tending to the glorie of God, the weill of religioun, and gude of this kingdome.

23 *July* 1639.

Thomas Bruce commissioner to the generall assemblie.

The provest, baillies, counsell, minister, and sessioun of the burgh, [appointed the provost their commissioner] to compeir in the generall assemblie of the kirk of this kingdome apointit and indicted be his Majestie out of his gracious favour for repressing the disordouris within this kirk and kingdome, to be and begyn at the burgh of Edinburgh the tuelf day of August nixtocum, with continuatioun of dayes, and thair in thair names to treate, ressoun, vote, and conclude in all materis that salbe proponit in the said assemblie concernyng the glorie of God, establishing of the religioun, and welfair of this kirk within this kingdome.

4 *April* 1640.

Generall Leslie, and others, burgessis and gild brether.

Ressaves and admittis the richt honorable generall Allexander Leslie to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brether of this burghe. [Also levetennent colonell Andro Bruce, levetennent colonell Patrick Leslie, capitane Thomas Dalzell, capitane James Ogilvie, Johne Tait servitour to Generall Leslie, Johnne Sterling of Herbertshire, and Allexander Sampsoun servitour to Generall Leslie.]

30 *November* 1640.

Warrand, payment for armes, etc.

Geves warrand to Thomas Bruce, provest, thair commissioner at the conventioun of burrowes in Edinburgh, to undertak for this tounes proportionall pairte of the soum of ane hundrethe and fiftie thousand gilderis quhilk is

apointet be the committie of estaites of parliament to be payet be the haill burrowis of this realme to be sent in money or commodities to the factouris in Campheir for the armes, munitioun, and uther provisioun sent heir be thame for defence of the cuntrie.

Warrand, payment for armes, etc.

7 *January* 1641.

Nominates and apointes Patrik Suorde and Robert Young, merchandis, commissioneris for bestowing and waring the voluntare contributioun of the toun, at least nyne hundrethe merkis thairof, quhilk is conceidit and put in thair handis for that effect, to be comptable to the toun of thair wairing.

Commissioneris for bying clothes to the sojouris.

11 *October* 1641.

The counsell unlawes Allexander Cunynghame, merchand, for breking and spilling the Kingis hie gait at the nether entrie of the toun, betuix Benneis croft and the Gallous mailling, quhilk he could nocht deny, in the soume of xx li.; and ordines the same to be payed to the thesaurare to be imployde for the use foirsaid of the repairing and mending of the said gait.

Cunynghame, spilling hie gait.

18 *October* 1641.

Nominates and apointes James Fothringhame, deane of gild, James Robertsoun, baillie, and Christopher Russell, convener, commissioneris, conjunctlie, to assist the provest in going to Edinburgh for advysing ane signature of ane new infeftment of the tounes liberteis, landis, customes, and utheris belangand to the toun.

Commissioneris to Edinburgh for the tounes liberteis.

31 *January* 1642.

Ressaves and admittis Duncane Ewing, sone to Johnne Ewing, wobster, quha wes drummer baithe to capitane Johnne Short and to capitane Thomas Rollok in the publict service of the armye at Kelso, Newcastell, and Durhame, to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of the said burgh, and that for his gude service foirsaid.

Ewing admitted burges for his gude service.

28 *November* 1642.

The baillies and counsell hes conducet and agreit with Duncan Ewing to be ordiner drummer of this burghe during the tounes gude will and his habilitie and gude behaviour, for the quhilk service the toun obleissis thame and thair thesaurare to pay to him [£60 yearly,] togidder with ane leverie of claithes as the toun officeris gettis yeirlie or ilk tua yeir, and also foure pundis, yeirlie,

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by and attour the said soume of thrie scoir pundis, and his Yule wages. And the said Duncan Ewing, embracing the said service, maid faithe that he sall faithfullie exerce the said office, and sall touke his drum nychtlie at sevin houris and everye morning at foure houris, begynnyng at the Lady Vennell and thairfra throw the haill toun. Of the quhilk thrie scoir foure pundis, the toun sall pay yeirlie [£4, the guild brethren £20, the crafts £20, the maltmen £10,] and the omnigadrum, viz., the wrichtis, maissones, coupares, litstares, glassinwrichtis, sklaitteris, gairdneris, the soume of ten pundis yeirlie.

Omnigadrum.

20 *March* 1643.

Commoun clerk.

Electis and choses maister David Forrester, sheref clerk of Stirling, in commoun clerk of the said burgh in place of umquhile John Williamsone, his maister, last clerk and possessour of the said office, and that fra the dait heirof quhill the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum.

Act for keiping of the covenant.

Geves ordour and directioun to James Fothringhame, dean of gild, and Christopher Russell, convenare, keipares of the keyes of the tounis charter kist, to lay up thairin the covenant renewed and subscrivit be thame and be the haill inhabitantes of the said burgh in the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} threttie and nyne yeiris, to the effect the same may be in sure custodie and keiping amongst uther of thair evidentis to the succeiding posteritie.

15 *September* 1643.

Burgessis and gild brother, gratis.

Ressaves and admittis Archibald lord Campbell of Lorne, lord Neill Campbell, secund laufull sone to the Marques of Argyle, Sir Harie Vane, knycht, Sir Williame Airmene, knycht, commissioneris for the kingdome of Ingland, maister Stevin Mershell, preacher in Ingland, [and others to be burgesses and gild brethren, gratis.]

9 *October* 1643.

Anent the visitatioun of the grammour schoole.

The provest, baillies, and counsall, remembering the laudable custome observit be thame of befoir anent thair grammour schoole, hes actit and ordanit that thair salbe ane visitatioun of thair said grammour schoole be certane of thair number in all tym cuming, yeirlie, at ilk quarter of the yeir, quha salbe apoyntit and direct for that effect be the said counsall; and ordanes the first visitatioun thairof to be and begine the first day of November nixtocum, and

sua furth continew thaireftir, at quhilk tyme they sall inquyre and trye anent the goverment of the schoole be the maisteris and doctouris and of all uther thingis competent to the said visitatioun.

Anent the visitatioun of the grammour schoole.

The provest, baillies and counsall, being convenit to treate of thair commoun effaires and bussines, did remember and call to mynd that the worthie persones aftermentionate, out of thair zeall to the glorie of God and for the propagatioun of the trew reformit religioun presentlie professit in this land, have left, mortifeit, dottit and gevin, for the help and supplie of the provisioun of ane uther minister to be provydit to the kirk of Stirling, the sowmes of money underwretin, viz., [Sir Thomas Erskyne, knycht, 500 merks; maister Robert Murray of Levingland, commissar of Stirling, 525 merks; Andro Cowane, merchand, £100; Jonet Allexander, spouse of Walter Cowane, merchand, £100; Agnes Cowane, spouse of James Short, merchand, 100 merks; John Cowane, merchand, 500 merks; Issobell Allexander, relict of Andro Cowane, merchand, 500 merks; and Alexander Cowane of Wester Polmais, ane quarter of the landis of Southfeild . . . rowpit and sauld for 1000 merks; which sums together amount to £2,283 6 s. 8 d.;] for the quhilk sowmes sua mortefeit and dottit, the saidis present provest, baillies and counsall, doe heirby geve thankis heartilie to God, and for the better incouragment of utheris to do the lyk gud workes shall ever have ane respective remembrance of the saidis benefactouris and weillwilleris. And they being verie desyrous to prosequute and follow furth so happie and religious a work, haif thairfore thocht it necessar and expedient, both for Godis glorie and for the gude of the soules within the parochine of Stirling, that thair be ane uther actuall minister adjoyned to maister Harie Guthrie, present minister at the said kirk, speciallie seing the charge of the said parochine is so grite and wechtie that it can not be commodiouslie done and exercit onlye be ane minister, and heirby they, for thamselfis and thair successouris, actis and ordanes that thair salbe tua ministeris to serve the cure at the said kirk in all tyme cuming. And for the provisioun of that uther minister now apoyntit to be presentlie socht and adjoynit as said is, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, representing the haill communitie of the said burgh, actis and obleissis thame and thair successoures to caus thair tounes thesaurer, present and to cum, mak gude and thankfull payment to him [of 1000 merks yearly; in relief whereof the treasurer is to receive the annualrent of the mortified money,

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£182 13 s. 4 d.; out of the reddiest of the commoun gude, £217 6 s. 8 d.; from the guildry, £100; crafts, £100; maltmen, 50 merks; "the haill omnigatherim of the said burgh amongst thame, £46 13 s. 4 d., quhairof to be payit be the mechanikes amongst thame £20, and be the remanent of the said omnigatherime £26 13 s. 4 d."]

19 *August* 1644.

Toun clerke.

The provest, baillies and counsell, being convened for electing of ane clerk of the said burghe in place of umquhile maister David Forrester, having sufficient assurance and experience of the qualificatioun of maister David Williamsoun, advocatt, sone to umquhile Johnne Williamsoun, sheref and toun clerk of Stirling, nominats and appoynts the said maister David Williamsone to be clerk of the said burghe.

9 *December* 1644.

Reider and teacher of musick.

Receaves and admittis James Thomeson in the Cannogate, to be reider of the kirk of Stirling and teacher of ane musick scoole for the space of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the dait heirof.

6 *January* 1645.

Quartering of sogerris.

Considdering the daylie greivances and complainttis givin in be the inhabitantis of this burgh, alleadging sogerris to be quartered upoun thame wnequallie above thair just proportione, for preventing of the lyke complainttis in tymes cuming they have appoynted [one person for each of the four quarters] to concurr with the baillie of the severall quarterris and to sett doun ane proportionable way of quartering of sogeris wpon the inhabitantis as equallie and justlie as they can, according to thair knawledge and conscience; and that the gentilmen inhabiting this burgh who have benefit of kirk and mercat beare thair proportionable burding for quartering of sogeris for the eas and releif of the poore neighbouris.

7 *April* 1645.

Act, Mr. John Allan.

Ordanes John Johnsoun, baillie, [and three others,] to go to maister John Allan, as commissionaris, to intimat and signifie to him that the tounes counsall all in ane voice ar weill pleasit to accept him for thair pastor conjunct with maister Henrye Guthrie, and to schaw him quhat is the mantenance appointit for him and to giff him thankis.

28 *July* 1645.

The counsall thinkis fitting for the present that sum ludges be maid, as occasioun requyris, upoun that parcell of land callit Chirmerland, at the eist syde of the lang calsey leidand fra the brig, and the toun sall satisfie the heritour for the loissis quhill farder cours be takin. Ludges for the seik folkis

And the buriall of these that dyes of the plaige to be at the chapell well. Burialls.

Ordanes James Dawis dochter to be sichted, and thaireftir gevis libertie to him to burye hir in his awin yaird.

Memorandum, to spek with John Wilsoun, fischer, Robert Gourlay, cordinar, Alexander Airthe, skinner, Catherine Edmound, and Adame Murrayis wyff, for caryeing and clenging and making of graves. Caryeing, clenging, graves.

Ordanes these persones quha war formarlie nominat to visite the quarteris of the toun, to attend ilk ane of tham thair awin quarteris allanerlie, and not promiscuouslie as wes befoir ordanit. And ordanes tham to advance mentenance to the closed persones in thair severall quarteris according to discretioun, and to keip accompt thairof quhilk sall be repayit to thame agane. Visitatioun and mantenance of closed persones.

Ordanes a lettre to be sent to Linlythgow for clengeris, desyring tham gif they have nane of thair awin to deall with Burrowstounes for sum, and a lettre to the baillie of the Nes also. Clengeris.

Ordanes the baillies to visite John Adames wyff benethe the bray and sie gif it be convenient for the clengeris.

Ordanes the thesaurer to caus big sum lodges for these that ar infected houssis, with all diligence. Lodges.

22 *September* 1645.

At the Park of Stirling, the 22 day of September, being Mononday, being the day of the electioun of the counsall of the burgh of Stirling for the yeir to cum, convenit within the said park[1] (in respect of the plaige of pestilence within the said burgh and thair boundis besyde) the persones following:— . . . Electioun; meeting held at the park.

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[1] Meetings continued to be held at "the park" down to 21st November inclusive. The next recorded meeting, which did not take place till 2nd January, was held "on the hie gait," while the following one, 12th January, and some others, were held "in the over hospitall of Stirling, callit Cowanes Hospitall."

6 *October* 1645.

Clengeres and utheris.

Convenit the persones efternominat of the counsall, [six persons,] with certane uther nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, quha set doun sindrie actis and ordinances anent the clenging and rewling of the toun as thai bear.

Registeres and bookes.

Ordanes the deane of gild to tak certane nychtbouris with him to umquhile maister David Williamsoun, thair last clerkis hous and chalmer, presentlie, and thair to ressave the tounes haill bookis, prothogollis and registeres, and to putt tham in the tolbuith and counsalhous for the tounes use, and the rest to be putt wp in cofferis.

13 *October* 1645.

Pest; attendaris and quartermaisteris.

The counsall ordanit attendaris and quartermaisteris to be chosen for clenging of the toun as followis. And first thai chuisit attenderis and waiteris on the foull clengeris, [one for each quarter.] Attenderis clene clengeris, [one for each quarter.] Quartermaisteris chosin, and thai that ar foull to be clengit first, [two for each of the first and second, and one for each of the third and fourth quarters.]

Keeping port and brig.

Ordanes Andro Andersone to attend and keip the port and barresyett and lock it all nicht, and John Wilsoun to do the lyk at the brig.

Pure folkis, coillis.

Ordanes the quartermaisteris to ansuer the pure folkis of coillis according to the quartermaisteris discretioun.

Destributioun of money.

Item, Robert Watsoun, merchand, is apointit to ressave the v^{c} merkis borrowit be the toun fra John Lytlejohnis wyff to be destributit at the sicht of the deane of gild and quartermaisteris.

21 *November* 1645.

Stentaris for the clenging moneyis.

Apointit the deane of gild [and four others] stentaris for the clenging moneyis throw the toun, and the deane of gild to be oursman; and that thai stent and sett doun upoun ilk persone and hows; ordanes the same to be payit befoir thai gett entres to thair howssis.

2 *January* 1646.

Anent clenging moneyis.

Ordanes the collectouris of the clenging moneyis to ressave for clenging of everie pair of plaidis that sall be clengit, vj s. 8 d., and 8 d. for bread cleathe, and ilk elne of stuff, iiij d., and na farder to be tane, nor yit ony drink silver.

12 *January* 1646.

Ordanes that na howssis be sett fra this furthe be na nychtbouris of the toun to unfremen without consent of the provest and baillies thairof, under the pane of tinsall and foirfalting of thair liberties of this burgh.

Act aganes unfremen.

The counsall ordanes a lettere to be writtin, subscrivit, and sent to Sanct Androis to Thomas Bruce, oure tounes commissionar, for geving in a petitioun to the estaitis of parliament, desyring exemptioun of the monethlie mantinance imposit on our toun, in respect of the great deathe of the nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairof of the plaige, and in respect of the great loissis sustenit be the toun at this tyme, quhairby the toun are becum unabill to do ony thing in the lyk kynd; as also to supplicat the parliament for ordour taking with our toun for our formar advancit moneyis for quartering of the sogouris in this toun thir yeires bygane; and thirdlie, to crave a licence (gif it may be had) to our nychtbouris and nychtbouris bairnes of the toun that ar cummet bak out of Ingland to remane and abyde at hame in the toun for bettir planting and serving of the same inrespect of the deathe of thair parentis and utheris our nychtbouris of the toun.

Anent monethlie mantinance, loissis, and nychtbour bairnes.

2 *March* 1646.

Statutes aud ordanes that na outland men that sall be ressavit and enterit heireftir to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of the said burgh, nor to the libertie of maltmaking within the same, be ressavit nor admittit to the libertie nor fredome thairof quhill they be knawin to be honest and discreit men worth fyve hundreth merkis of thair awin frie gear, and that thai remane and duell within the said burgh for bearing burding with the rest of the nychtbouris thairof in stenting, watching, warding, and all uther burdingis, quhilk giff thay failyie and remove and duell aff the toun, thay sall foirfalt, amitt, and tyne thair said libertie and fredome, baith thamselffis and thair successioun. And farder, the said counsall, for cleiring quhat the saidis new intrantis sall pay heireftir for thair said fredome and libertie foirsaid (not being nychtbouris nor burgessis bairnes of befoir) sall pay fra this furthe for thair said entrie of nychtbour and burges to the thesaurer of this burgh for the tounes vse xxiiij li., and for thair entrie and libertie to the maltmaking l merkis.

Act anent new intrant burgessis and maltmen.

9 *March* 1646.

Writtis and prothogollis.

Ordanes maister David Williamsoun thair last clerkis scrowis aud minutes, alsweill of burgessis entries as utheris counsall actis and writis, to be sichtit and inventarit, and for that effect apointis the deane of gild and convenar.

Chirurgian, nychtbour and burges.

Ressaves and admittis Johnne Buchannan, chirurgian, to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of this burgh, and that gratis, quha maid faithe as use is; and he sall not mak malt nor use na uther tred nor handling within the said burgh and libertie thairof except his awin calling, but licence of the counsall; with libertie to him to tak a chalmer in the toun fra ony nychtbour and burges thairof for himself, his mother and sister, to to duell in, but ony using of ony chainge or uther libertie as said is.

16 *March* 1646.

Knokmaker, nychtbour and burges.

George Wallace, knokmaker in Prestounpannis, ressavit and admittit to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of this burgh, and that gratis for guid servyce done and to be done to the guid toun, quha maid faithe as use is.

25 *March* 1646.

Act anent the last clerkis writtis.

Ordanes the haill actis and scrowis that ar not buikit be maister David Williamsoun, last clerk, in the counsall book, to be sichtit and luikit out, and the same to be fillit up be Johnne Robene, thair present clerk.

3 *April* 1646.

Transumptis.

Ordanes the thesaurer to tak for transsuming of everie seasing out of the defunct clerkis prothogollis of landis within this burgh and libertie thairof x merkis, and furder or les at the counsallis discretioun, and quhill then the thesaurer not to giff furthe the saidis prothogollis to be transsumet and that the counsall be first acquentit thairwith.

13 *April* 1646.

Act discharging conventioun at brydellis.

The counsall discharges all conventioun and meiting of people at brydellis fra this furthe, except thre or four with ilk pairtie, and acquent the kirk sessioun to do the lyk.

Guidlingis.

Ane act in favouris of the toun of Sterling anent the Holland gudlingis, delyverit be James Fothringham, deane of gild, to Thomas Bachop, thesaurer, to be put up be him in the tounes bowall in the counsal hous.

20 *April* 1646.

Appointis a committee of sindrie of the counsall to heir the haill petitiounes and complentis of these that hes tane the tounes customes the last yeir quhairof thay want mekle in respect of the plaige; and the meiting heiranent to be on Fryday nixt at 7 houris in the morning. Committe for the tounes customes.

27 *April* 1646.

The counsall, takand to thair consideratioun the petitiounes and supplicatiounes gevin in to thame of befoir be the tackismen of the tounes settis the last yeir, quha wantis mekle in respect of the plaige of pestilence within this burgh, modefeis and gevis doun thair dewties to be payit be tham and thair cautioneris to Thomas Bachop, thesaurer, as follows . . . Settis toun modefeit doun.

4 *May* 1646.

Ordanes ane supplicatioun to be drawin wp be informatioun and gevin in to the comittee of estaitis anent the restraining of ane new levie out of this toun. Anent the new levie.

6 *May* 1646.

Apointis the deane of gild, and Duncane Nairne, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh to supplicat the committee of estaitis, anent the rynawayis of Sterling to abyde at hame, and anent the new levie and uther thingis conforme to the instructiounes. Anent rynawayis, new levie.

1 *June* 1646.

James Fothringhame, deane of gild, producit and gave in the tounes signet in counsall, quhilk the last clerk, maister David Williamsoun had, quhilk Johnne Robene, present clerk, ressavit to be delyverit agane quhen it is cravit. Tounes signet.

20 *July* 1646.

Anent the collection of the excyse, the counsall ordanes those quha refussis to pay the dewis thankfullie quhen it is requyrit, to caus summond tham to thair aithes befoir ony of the baillies of this burgh. As also the wyne unctinaris to be summond, and thei and all utheris anent tobacco. Excyse. Tobacco.

Ordanes the said Thomas Bachop, thesaurer, to mak ane new kist for putting in of the tounes writtis and prothogollis and mak ane inventar thairof. A new kist, thesaurer.

12 *August* 1646.

Buriallis, chapelcroft.

Ordanes Robert Watsoun, merchand, and the deacone of the wobsteris, present in counsall, to giff in a roll of all the names that wer bureit at the chapelcroft the tyme of the visitatioun of the plaige the last yeir, to the effect they may be stentit and pay thair buriallis.

14 *September* 1646.

Watching toun.

In the Valey. The counsall, convenit, ordanes the deane of gild to acquent the merchandis out of the toun, and the convenar the craftis, to cum in and attend the watching the toun and uther ordouris to be gevin tham, under the pane of v li. ilk persone unforgevin, *toties quoties*, and farder tinsall of thair fredome and libertie thairof. Item, the visitour of the maltmen to acquent his bretherne, and the omnigaderum also to be acquentit to do the lyk.

12 *October* 1646.

Anent nychtbouris.

Act ordaning the drummer to go throw the toun discharging all nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh to repair agane to Edinburgh, Perthe, or Glasgow, without first thay acquant the magistratis and obtene thair licence thairto, and that thay sall resett na strangeris in thair houssis without licence foirsaid, under the pane of tinsall of thair liberties.

21 *October* 1646.

Commissionaris to Edinburgh.

Nominatis and apointis John Schort, provest, maister John Cowan and Thomas Bachop, baillies, and Robert Kidstoun, convenar, commissionaris for the toun, to complene upoun all wrangis done to tham be the governour of Sterling or ony utheris, befoir the committe of estaitis, lordis of secreit counsall, or ony utheris judges competent, and for that effect to ryd to Edinburgh with all diligence; and ordanes Andro Baird, thesaurer, to mak the saidis commissionaris charges and expenssis.

30 *November* 1646.

Writtis delyverit.

John Robene, clerk, delyverit to Andro Baird, thesaurer, on the counsall buird, umquhile John Williamsones 5 and 6 volumes of prothogollis, with ane prothogoll book quhairin sum seasingis of umquhile maister David Forrester and maister David Williamsoun ar insert sensyne; item, a toun act book in the said John Robenes tyme quho wes clerk beginning at Michaelmes, 1627; with thre bunsches of the tounes registrat bandis also quhen he wes clerk.

25 *January* 1647.

Comperit Alexander and John Hogis and Andro Thomesone, fleschouris, quha being fund to have transgressit the actis and ordinances of this burgh and thair proclamatiounes anent slotting and spuilyeing of flesche, thairfoir the counsall unlawis tham and ilk ane of tham in the sowme of v li. to be payit to Andro Baird, thesaurer of this burgh, for the tounes use, conforme to the last act, and ordanes tham to be actit not to do the lyk agane under the lyk pane for ilk failyie; as also to be actit with thair awin consent that thay and everie ane of tham fra this furthe sall slay thair awin flesche under thair awin stokis, or in thair awin buithes, and sall sell everie ane of tham thair awin flesche that thay lauchfullie by and slay, and that nane of tham sall be pertineris with utheris of selling of dead flesche, bot that the samyn be presenttit to the mercat and oppin buithes to be sauld to nychtbouris, conforme to the lawis of the kingdome; and siclyk that thay sall not by fra ony landwert fleschour, or utheris cumand to the mercat or in the mercat, ony flesche upoun ony pretext or excuse, under the panes foirsaidis. Act fleschouris.

21 *June* 1647.

Ordanes the clerk and sum of the counsall with him to inventar and bunsche up the tounes haill bookis, writtis, and prothogollis, and for the first tyme apointis the deane of gild, convenar, and thesaurer. Tounes writtis to be inventariit.

Item, to look out all actis anent the hospitall moneyis. Hospitall.

19 *July* 1647.

Ordanes ilk baillie of thair quarter to tak wp the names of all unfremen and women in this burgh and thair resetteris, that ordour may be tane with thame conforme to the auld actis and ordinances maid thairanent. Unfre persones.

26 *July* 1647.

Ordanes a proclamatioun to be maid and sent throw the toun be drum, discharging all nichtbouris and inhabitantis of the same ather to go out of the toun or resett ony persones in thair houssis, quhill first thaj acquent the magistratis thairwith and obtene thair licence thairto, under the pane of xx li. ilk persone unforgevin, and tinsall of thair libertie and fredome of this burghe; as also that ilk nychtbour attend his watche and enter at v houris Wilfull persones passing out of toun; watche.

Wilfull persones passing out of toun; watche.

in the morning and abyde quhill 9 houris at evin, and that nane fie nor putt utheris in thair plaice, and quha beis fund aff his watche during that tyme sall pay v li. ilk persone.

17 *January* 1648.

Anent wobsteris and litsteris.

Ordanes the actis anent the wobsteris and litsteris to be set doun in the toun court bookis.

24 *January* 1648.

Iron reill.

Ordanes the iron reill to be hung to the cros for tryall of wrang reillis in the toun.

21 *February* 1648.

Act discharging the Saturdayis mercat.

For obedience of his Majesties lait actis of parliament, and actis of the generall assemblie, and at the desyre of the presbiterie of Sterling, hes alterit and changit the Saturdayis mercat day of this burght to the Fryday fra this furthe, for bettir keiping of the Saboth day, and ordanes the Weddinsdayis mercat to stand as it is and hes bene in tymes bygane, and intimatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat croce on Saturday nixt be sound of drum, and the kirkis and paricheis about to be acquentit heirwith be letteris and utheris.

Muskettis.

The roll anent the muskettis and utheris delyverit be Thomas Bachop, baillie, to Andro Baird, thesaurer, to be socht in to the tounes use.

27 *February* 1648.

Act altering the toun court day.

Ordanes the tounes court day, quhilk wes of befoir haldin on the Fryday, to be on the Saturday, in respect the tounes mercat day, quhilk wes on Saturday, is now changit to the Fryday for bettir observing of the Sabothe, conforme to the lait actis of parliament and actis of the generall assemblie of the kirk.

13 *March* 1648.

Fryday court day changit to Saturday.

Chaingis thair ordinar court day, being Fryday, to the Saturday for civill caussis onlye in the hour of caus; and trublances, bludis, and injuries, to be judgit ony uther day, for bettir keiping of the Sabothe.

18 *May* 1648.

Anent the tounes sojouris.

Nominatis and apointis the persones following for chuising of the sojouris of this toun to go furthe in this present levie, and stenting of the rest of the toun for outreiking of tham, to witt, [the dean of guild and the convener, with two persons for each quarter].

31 *May* 1648.

Frelie ressavit and admittit the persones following, quha went furthe as sojouris for this burgh, to the libertie and fredome of nychtbouris and burgessis of the said burgh, to witt, [twenty-nine persons,] quha and ilk ane of tham maid faithe as use is. Sojouris, toun nychtbouris and burgessis.

21 *August* 1648.

Ordanes John Schort, thair provest, and James Schort, his brother, now going to Edinburgh, to attend maister George Norvall, advocat, anent the expeding of the tounes signatour[1]; and the tounes thesaurer to mak thair charges and expenssis. Tounes signator.

9 *October* 1648.

Having hard, red, and considerit the letteres and actis direct to tham fra the committie of estaitis, requyring the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, nochtwithstanding of thair formar electioun, to mak ane new electioun of thair magistratis and counsall, conforme to the saidis actis, and heiring and finding that maister John Cowan quha wes last chosin deane of gild is accessor to the lait unlauchfull engadgment be geving his oithes at committies of the estaitis and schyre and uther meitingis, specialie quhen the erles of Craufurde, Glencarne, Lanerk, and Major George Monro war at Sterling; and thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, eftir consideratioun of the premissis and removing of the said maister John Cowan, [elected Robert Young dean of guild in his place]. Robert Young deane of gild in plaice of maister John Cowan.

Suspendis Christopher Russall, baillie, fra ony exercesing of his plaice in respect he had gevin his oithe in the committie of the schyre. Christopher Russall, baillie, suspendit.

30 *October* 1648.

Ordanes thair court day for civill actiounes, fra this furthe, to be on the Thursday in the hour of caus, for bettir keiping of the Saboth day. New court day.

28 *November* 1648.

Nominatis and apointis Duncane Nairne, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh and report the tounes procedingis to the committie of estaitis anent the new electioun of thair magistratis, and chuising thair commissionar to the parliament, and utheris the tounes effairis. Duncane Nairne, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh.

[1] See "Charters and Documents," p. 124, foot-note.

1 *January* 1649.

Obittis.

Alexander Burne, merchand, gave in a roll of the tounes obittis, to be examinat, copiet and layit, and apointis for this effect the baillies, dean of gild and convenar.

29 *January* 1649.

Collectouris of obittis.

Makis and constitutis [the treasurer and his deputes] collectouris of the obittis and grund annuallis of auld dew to Sanct James and Sanct Thomas alteris, and now pertening to the toun, and that of all yeiris and termes restand to them sen Mertimes 1632 to Mertimes nixt 1649, and langer quhill he be dischargit.

2 *May* 1649.

Settis of this new fair not sett.

The counsall being convenit for setting of the revenewis of this new fair callit Hallow Thursday, quhilk is x dayis befoir Whitsonday, not sett this tyme albeit oft roupit.

30 *June* 1649.

Visite rowinous howesis.

Ordanes the baillies, ilk ane throw thair awin quarter, to visite the waist and dimoleischit houssis in the toun, and to try the heritouris thairof and report thair diligence of the same to the counsall.

19 *July* 1649.

Settis secund fair.

Being convenit for setting of the revenewis and customes of this secund fair, not sett this tyme albeit oft roupit, wes ordanit to be collectit be certane persones quhat micht be gottin thairof, and being collectit extendit as follows, viz., for the staigis viij li. xiiij s., and for the brig nyne li. 4 s. 8 d., and for the barresyett *(blank)*.

Equies, great chartour and comptis.

Ordanes the baillies to meit and mak the tounes equies sence the last equie and send tham to Edinburgh with the tounes great chartour and comptis of thair commoun gude sence the last equie, with silver to pay for all.

24 *September* 1649.

Anent our ministerie.

Consentit to send out commissionaris with avyse of the kirk sessioun for calling of maister James Guthrie, minister at Lawder, to be minister of this kirk. [The "act of transportatioun of maister James Guthrie" from Lauder to Stirling was produced to the council on 4th December.]

Scolmaister.

The counsall ordanes John Schort, auld provest, and Christopher Russall, deacone convenar, to ryd to Glasgow and satle and agrie with maister David Wall to be scoolmaister of this burgh.

9 *October* 1649.

The counsall discharges all candlemakeris and utheris of melting of ony tauche, talloum, or crakkingis, within the bodye of the toun fra this furthe, bot in uther rowmes at the futt of thair yairdis and uther skirtis of the toun, under a great pane, and the drum to go throw the toun for that effect. Candle-makeris.

30 *October* 1649.

The provest, baillies and counsall, taking to consideratioun the grevances gevin in be sindrie of the magistratis thairof to the counsall, complening that thay ar urgit to continew in thair offices sindrie yeiris togidder, quhilk is contrair to the actis of parliament and actis of burrowis, and to the great hurt and prejudice of the saidis persones bothe in thair bodies and estaitis, and thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, for bettir remedie thairoff, hes inactit, statute and ordanit, that fra this furthe it sall not be lesum to continew any magistratis of this burgh langer nor tua yeiris togidder at anes in thair plaices and offices, exceptand alwayis at Michaelmes 1650, quhair thair sall be tua of the present baillies, or quha hes bene of auld continewed, and thaireftir to be chosin yeirlie tua that hes borne office befoir. Act for magistratis.

13 *May* 1650.

Apointis . . . commissionaris for tham to ryd to Edinburgh and thair to meit and convene with the commissionaris of the generall assemblie . . . and thair to deall for transportatioun of maister David Bennet, minister at Lenzie, to be minister at Stirling. [The act of transportation was produced to the council on 5th June.] Minister.

9 *July* 1650.

At Edinburgh, the nynth day of Julij 1650. The committee of estates considering that through the necessarie repaire to the toune of Stirling of diverse persones of qualitie, for attending upoun the Kings Majestie, there will bee scarcitie of lodging and want of accommodation in that place, and that it is fitting some persones bee removed from thence for giving place to those that might resort thither for the imployments of the publict, doth hereby therefore give warrand and command to the magistrates of the said burgh of Stirling to remove from the speciall houses thereof such persones, not being Order by the committee of estates; lodging for persones attending king.

Order by the committee of estates; lodging for persones attending king.

burgesses, as they shall think fitt not to remane there, to the effect houses and lodgeings may bee had for these that are to attend the King and the affaires of the publict. And generall-major James Holburne is hereby requyred to bee aiding and assisting to the said magistrates in execution hereof. Extractum, [Subscribed:] A. Henderson.

16 *May* 1651.

Customes, first fair.

Sindrie of the baillies, with utheris of the counsall, convenar and thesaurer present, the customes of the i fair roupit thrie severall tymes and not sett, nane compeirand to tak the same.

12 *June* 1651.

Act anent the 200 li. sterling to the Kingis Majestie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes all, with ane consent, agriet to borrow the sowme of tua hundrethe pund sterling for his Majesties wse, quhilk his Majestie hes requyrit be severall letteres direct to thame thairanent, and for that effect the deane of gild and convenar ar appointit eache of thame to speik with thair brethrene apairt for lening of what money may be had amongst thame, and to mak report at the nixt meiting.

24 *July* 1651.

Order by committee of provisiounes.

Edinburgh, this 24 July 1651. The committie of provisiounes for the army doe hereby appoynt the baillies of Sterling to cause furnish and give up to collonell Cuninghame, governour of the castell of Stirling, the number of threttie stane of iron for the present use of the said castle, for the which you ar to be payit. [Subscribed:] Hamilton, Cochrane, Cardross, Lauderdale, A. Belsches, J. Cokburne, J. Dundas, Johne Dugwid.

I, Andrew Cunynghame, anciente in the castell of Stirling, grantes me to have receavit from the baillies of Stirling the above writtin threttie stane of irone, as witnessis my hand, att Stirling, the 25 day of Jullij 1651. [Subscribed:] Andrew Cunynghame.

29 *July* 1651.

Order to pay master of king's household £104.

Provest and baillies of Stirling: These are to desyre you to pay and deliver to Michaell Elphinstoun, ane of his Majesteis maisteris housholdis, the soume of ane hundreth and four poundis money out of your last monethis mantenance dew be you to his Majestie; wheranent thir presentis with his

recept shalbe your warrand and alloued in your accomptis. Gevin at Stirling the 29 of Julij 1651. [The receipt of the master of the household, dated 1st August, is appended.]

Order to pay master of king's household £104.

1 *August* 1651.

Ordanes the thesaurer to provyd such necessaris as the governor of the castell sall requyre of him for the wse of the castell, and tak his receipt of the same, and to try throw the towne for sua many of the foirsaidis necessaris as may be gottin.

Thesaurer to provyd for the castell.

The provest, baillies and counsall, having borrowit and ressavit the sowmes of money aftermentionat from the persones following hes subscrivit bandis for the same as is aftermentionat, [two sums of 500 merks and 800 merkis respectively;] quhilkis sowmes ar payit to his Majestie and wtheris in his hienes name.

Money borrowit for the 200 li. sterling to his Majestie.

15 *October* 1651.

For our assured freinds, the provest, baillies and toun counsell of Stirline. Assured freinds,—The committee of estates haveing taken to thair consideratioun that the meeting of the parliament which was appointed to be at Stirline upon the second Wednesday of November nixt, the 12th of that instant, cannot convenientlie be keeped at that place, and it being referred to the committee of estates to change and alter the place of meeting as they think fitt, they have therefore thought good to appoint Finlarge at the west end of Loch Tay to be the place of the parliaments meeting upon the said 12th day of November, and to require yow to send your commissioner to keep the said dyet and meeting of parliament; or, if he be not chosen alreadie, that you doe with all possible speed conveen your toun counsell to elect and choose him for the effect afoirsaid; which recommending seriouslie to your care, and expecting your performance thereof, wee rest, your affectionat freinds. [Subscribed:] Argyll, Linlithgow, Cochrane, Loudoun cancellarius, Tullibardine, Lothian, Roxburghe, Wigtoune, Wemyss, [and others]. Rothesay, the 15th October, 1651.

Lettre from the committee of esteates.

[Indorsed:] Sterling 14 of November 1651. This lettre delyverit be maister Johne Cowane to Johne Schort, provest, and opned be him, the baillies, and deane of gild, upoun the Monday thairefter, the 17 of November.

26 *November* 1651.

For the rycht honorabill the provest and baillies of the burgh of Stirling,

Letter from the borrowes of Fife.

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these. Rycht honorabill and loving neighbours,—The missive of the state of borrowes, having its rest for the tyme at the burgh of Coupar, and Edinburgh, [which] in former tymes was than watchtour for any emergent, not having for the present a representative of ther burgh, wee the borrowes within the shyre of Fyffe having mett in and with the burgh of Coupar have found it our duetie, in regaird of the condition of affaires in this nation, to present to yow how necessar it is for the whole bodie of the borrowes to be brought together that ther may be ane unanimous course amongest themselves in eviry thing as formerly it hath bein. Thairfor we have judged fitt that ye send a commissionar to Edinburgh against the xxiij day of December, as the most convenient place of meitting, for considering what may be most for the weill of our state. We rest, your loving friendis and nychtboures, the borrowes of the shyre of Fyffe, [Signed:] Geo. Jameson, moderator.

14 *February* 1652.

Letter from Thomas Bruce, commissioner to Dalkeith.

For his assuritt frindis the proveist and bellies of Sterling, this.

Richtt assuritt frindis,—I did in obedience of your commissione, with fuill wader, cum to Dalkeith on Fryday be xi ouirris, and did presentlie delyver the commissione, and was allowitt itt was werie simpill. Sindrie utheris was nott so, and I gatt the schorter anssuer efter nowin. The commissioneris of schyris and borrowis thatt meitt publiklie with the Inglis commissioneris and gatt ther commissionis allowitt did sitt still with them and resevitt ther declarationis in printt and sum in peper did coist sum munnie ye mey perseve. Quhen ye rid them sie gif they ye nott as I schew to yow, and consider gif I be nott putt to ane haird task and hes Tusday bott to advys to subscryve for my self and yow all. The schoirtt baind thatt is drawin wp wpone the 3 artikillis and dois comprehend schorttlie all I did say wald be ther reseultt. Itt tuchis me werie neir moir nor I will sett dowin in paper att this tyme. I hauiff sentt my man with all the peperis to yow to advys with; and send them bak on Munday, and ether cum sum of your selfis or send me wird quhat I sall do. To refuis itt, your commissione is so leirge in my awin naime I dair nott refuis excep ye all command me, and to do itt is my grif, and God knowis how I will be exponitt for takin such ane commissione. Ye mey keip the declaretionis and send bak the dubill of the baind I suld subscryve and the artikillis on the sam peper. Quhen this is doin ther

is no moir ado. Gif ye hauif onie thing to mak ws of the commissioneris for Ingland for your towuis burdenis, mak them reddie, and latt sum cum with them thatt will follow them, and I sall schaw them the wey befoir I cum away. I moist keip still my hoirs to cum to Dakeith quhen I hauif ado, and I hoip ye will suffer my man cum to me on his hoirs. Gif ye kan gett onie to send to me suner nor him befor Tusday I prey yow do itt. Not trubling yow farder, but this much in heist, and with grif quhen I wrett itt, restis, your assuritt frend to power, [Signed:] Tho. Bruce. Dalkeith, the 4th Februar 1652.

Letter from Thomas Bruce, commissioner to Dalkeith.

Giff I had nott respek to the towin, and fering the evill suld fallin them, I wald never excepitt of the commissione, nor agrie to this peper, and suld hauif cost me quhat is deirist to me. Send bak the hell declarationis and peperis. They ar my warrand.

20 *March* 1652.

Hes ordeanit the present maisteris of the over and nether hospitallis to caus labour the landis belongand to these hospitallis and provyde seid and saw the same, quhilk salbe allowit to thame in thair accomptis.

Maisteris of the hospitallis to labour landis.

The counsall hes appoyntit that at the making of the comptis of the over hospitall the buike thairof be revisit and everie loaf thairof markit, and the totall number wrettin doune upoun the last loaf and subscrivit be tua baillies, the minister, and the deane of gild and convinar; and this becaus that thair is severall loafes cuttit out thairof at the intaking of the toune be the Inglishe armie in the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} fyftie ane.

Revising of the over hospitall buik.

The counsall has hard Thomas Bruce report of his commissioun to Dalkeithe and hes approvin of his procedour and randerit him manye thankis, and ordeans the thesaurer to satisffie and pay his chairgis, as also the chairgis of Robert Stevinsone, baillie, and Williame Barclay, clerk, wha wer in Edinburgh and Dalkeithe attending the said Thomas be ordour of the counsall and nichtbouris.

Report of commissioun to Dalkeithe.

6 *April* 1652.

Hes nominat and electit Duncane Nairne, deane of gild, Robert Russall, convinar, and Williame Barclay, clerk, comissionares for this burghe, to repaire to Dalkeithe and supplicat the comissionares for the libertie and fredome of this burghe and uther thingis necessar, speciallie the electing of majestrates thairin.

Commission for Duncan Nairne and utheris to go to Dalkeithe.

Distressed merchandis and craftis.

Ordeanes the deane of gild [and three others] to take tryall of the necessateis of the distressed merchandis and craftismen, and accordinglie to give ordour to the maisteris of the nether hospitall to supplie thair necessaties till farder ordour.

19 *April* 1652.

Report of commission to Dalkeithe.

[The commissioners appointed on 6th April] have maid report of thair commissioun to Dalkeithe anent the electioun of majestrates within this burghe, etc., quhairof the counsall hes approvin.

21 *April* 1652.

Electioun be warrand from the comissionares at Dalkeithe.

The nichtbouris and inhabitantes of the burghe of Sterling, being convenit, in obedience to ane warrand and commissioun direct furthe be the commissionares of the parliament of the comoun wealthe of Ingland for ordering and manadgeing the effaires in Scotland, authorizeing and appoynting tham, according to thair former rules and customes, to nominat and choyse thair majestrates and officeris for the governament of the said burghe and liberties thairof till farder ordour, as the said warrand and commissioun of the dait the 14th of this instant monethe of Appryle in itself at mair lenthe proportes,[1] the quhilk warrand and commissioun the saidis nichtbouris and inhabitantes haveing at lenthe considerit, and being thairwithe ryplie advysit, they have nominat and electit the persones following to beare chairge as counsallouris of this burghe till Michaelmes nixt, withe poware to thame to make electioun of the majestrates and uther office bearers for the said space, and thaireftir fra tyme to tyme to proceid in thair electioun conforme to use and wont, till farder ordour, as is prescryvit be the said commissioun.

26 *April* 1652.

Anent desertaris and unfremen.

The provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Sterling, have ordeanit that the baillies take cognitioun and tryall what nichtbouris and burgessis have desertit and left the toun this tyme bygone, and also of what unfriemen are within the same, and make thair names knawin to the counsall at thair nixt meiting that course may be takin withe thame.

3 *May* 1652.

Commissionar to Dalkeithe.

The counsall hes nominat and appoyntit Williame Barclay, thair clerk,

[1] The warrant and commission is printed in "Charters and Documents," pp. 168-70.

to repair to Edinburgh and Dalkeathe, and to tray what course is takin be uther burghs for the poware of the commissariat within thair burghs, and if thair be any apparent possabilatie to obteane the poware thairof within this burgh to supplicat majour generall Deanes for the same. Commissionar to Dalkeithe.

19 *May* 1652.

Right honorabill and our werie loveing freindis and neighbouris,—We doubt not bot yow ar sufficientlie sensibill of the reasones whey, according to our accustumat forme, we have not directed to yow a missive for conveining in Julij. Nevertheles, since by providence thair is a gennerall meiting of the commissioneris of the haill schyres and burrowes to be heir at Edinburgh wpoun the twentie day of August nixt for the mater of the Unione, we have thoght fitt to desyre yow to tak to consideratioun the articles contenit in the missive sent to yow for convening at Coupare wpoun the secound day of Julij 1650, be reasone the samyne could not at that tyme be discust, and to send your commissioneris weill instructed to this place againe the thretine day of the moneth of August nixt, that soe we may conclude our bussines concerneing the state of burrowes befor the said generall meiting. We have alsoe thoght fitt to adverteice yow that the commissioneris of the parliament of the comone wealth of Ingland, at Dalkeith, had a great mynd appeirandlie to have dischargit both our staple at Campheir, and the conservator of his office, if we had not cairfullie and tymeouslie adverted thairto by giveing them such satisfactione as will mak them (we hop) forbear aney further proceiding in that bussines till the meiting of the commissioneris of both nationes at Londoun in October nixt, wher the said conservator intendis to attend them, haveing a call from the burrowes for that effect. Wheranent, and concerneing all uther soe great and important bussines that now lyes not onlie wpoun the burrowes but the haill natione, we sall heartilie desyre that ye may mak choise of the most abill and best qualified men to be your commissioneris, and that they may come heir soe weill instructed, as may testifie your affectioune and zeale to the publict guid, and your reall respectis wnto your loveing freindis and nightbouris, the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, subscriveing be Williame Thomsone, our commoun clerk, at our command. [Signed:] W. Thomsone. Edinburgh 19 Maij 1652. Letter from provost and baillies of Edinburgh; convention.

We earnestlie recommend to yow to send the inclosed unto the burgh of

Letter, etc.

Kilrynnie, in respect at present we have no commoun post to send alongis purposlie thairwith, and to procure a returne of thair diligence.

17 *July* 1652.

Call to Mr. Harie Guthrie.

It is resolvit be the maist pairt of the toune counsall, if it may stand withe the ordour of the churche, to give ane call to maister Harie Guthrie, leate minister of this burght, and for that effect hes condiscendit that ane call be drawin and subscrivit to be sent to him, and this in reguard of the urgencie of the comounes and of the affectioun caried to him be almost the haill parochineris except a few number, quhairof the pretendit eldares and deacones of the kirk sessioun are the greatest pairt, quhilk call is to be taken eist be the deane of gild and convinar and advysit if it may stand withe the ordour of the churche and pleasour of the ensewing assemblie before it be delyverit, utherwayis that it be not delyverit.

24 *August* 1652.

Repair of the foir tolbuithe.

Ordeanes Allexander Fergusone, thesaurar, to repair the foir tolbuithe and to make up the seates and binches thairof agane the doune sitting of the justice court.

Report of commissioun to the borrowes.

William Barclay maid report to the counsall of his commissioun to Edinburgh for the meiting of the burrowes anent choysing of commissionaris to go to Lundoun.

25 *August* 1652.

Report of the aggrement anent the milnes.

Baillie Russall, the deane of gild and convinar, and utheris wha wer commissionat to meit withe maister Leslies brother anent the bying of the milnes and land belongand to him, maid report that they had aggreit withe him for the richt of the saidis milnes and landis, and had conditioned to pay to him for the same the sowme of sextene thowsand merkis money, off the quhilk aggrement the counsall hes approvin.

17 *September* 1652.

Letter from the provost and bailies of Glasgow.

Rycht worthie loveing freinds and neichbouris,—We doubt not bot long agoe yee have hard of the lamentable conditioun of this citie throw suddent fyre, and that thair is ane generall contributioune to be colected throw the haill nation for supplie of the poor widowis, orphantis, and others, who ar totallie wrakit be that fyre. We have sent thir twa young men, John Semple

and James Or, alongs throw the countrey to use dilligence for ingetting of that contributioune. We expect that your burghe will not onlie, according to its abilitie, be helpefull thairanent in ane guid exemplare maner, bot also will prove assistant to them in relatioun to all your neichbores about. We thairfor recommend this to your owne care and discretioune, and with all requeisting yow most earnestlie that quhat can be gottine may be sent with dilligence befoir the winter approche, that the poore widowis and orphantis who hes no sheilds to creipe in may be tymeouslie supported. And so restis your affectionat freinds and neichbores. [Signed by the provost and three bailies.] Glasgow, 17 September 1652.

Letter from the provost and bailies of Glasgow.

27 *September* 1652.

The baillies and counsall have ressavit and admittit the persones following in burgessis and gild brither of the said burgh frelie, qua and ilk ane of thame maid faithe as now use is, to witt: Judges George Smythe, Androw Oven, and Edward Moisley; Hendrie Whaley, judge advocat; Majour Johne Cloberrie, Captain Nathaniell Badger, [and twenty-five others].

The English judges and utheris, burgessis and gild brither.

2 *October* 1652.

Considering that the grammer scoole of the said burghe is now vacant throw the deceas of umquhile maister David Will, last maister thairof, and that the childerine are altogither neglectit throw want of ane maister, they thairfoir doe nominat and elect maister Johne Galbraithe, younger, to be scoolmaister of the said burghe for a yeir nixt eftir the dait heirof, and farder dureing the counsallis pleasour.

Maister Johne Galbreathe, scoolmaister.

4 *October* 1652.

Haveing hard and considerit the complent gevin in be James Sword and Williame Smythe againest Walter Cowane and Williame Spittall, schawing that they being employit be the majestrates to go to Culros for the executionar to attend heir the tyme of the sitting of the justice court, the said Walter and Williame did mock and scorne thame, quhilk they acknawledgit and cam in will for the same; the counsall ordeanes the said Walter Cowane and Williame Spittal to convoye and put hombe the said executionar to Culros upoun thair awine chairgis, and to returne the tounes band betuixt and

Walter Cowane and Williame Spittall to go to Culros with executionar.

Walter Cowane, etc.

the morne at nicht, under the pane of ane hundrethe pundis money by and attour the haizard of the penaltie conteanit in the said band.

11 *October* 1652.

Attendares to the brig milne.

The counsall hes nominat and electit Robert Stevinsone, merchand, and Robert Kidstoune, baxter, to be overseeris and attendares of the building of the brig milne and for bying of timber and uther furnitour thairto, aggreing withe and paying of the warkmen, and doing of what ellis salbe necessarie to be done, for which effect money is to be presentlie provydit and gevin to thame, and they are not to be trublit with advanceing or depurseing of money before they receave the same.

9 *November* 1652.

Ministeris stipend, omnigathrum.

The counsall hes nominat and electit Johne Thomsone, in Whinnes, [and four others,] to be collectouris of the secund ministeris stipend for the omnigadrumes pairt thairof, and appoyntis thame to have this last terme reddie againe Saturneday nixt.

1 *December* 1652.

Keiping beggeris out of toune.

The counsall haveing aggreit with ane Thomas Bennie wha hes undertakin to attend the toune and keip the beggeris furthe thairof, they have ordeanit the thesaurar to cleid him presentlie, and to give him threttene shilling foure penneis weiklie and ane load of coalles once in the monethe, quhilk salbe accordinglie allowit to him.

Comissioun to Edinburgh.

The counsall hes nominat and appoyntit James Keir to go to Edinburgh againe the sextene of this instant to attend and imploye some to attend and compeir before the judges for administratioun of justice anent the Erle of Maris bussines in what concernes the toun and hospitallis.

19 *February* 1653.

Provyding of letheris and buckitis.

The counsall hes condiscendit that thair be some long letheris and buckittis provydit and layit up for the comoun use of the toune, and hes ordeanit the thesaurar presentlie to go about the provyding of the same.

28 *February* 1653.

Mertches to be yeirlie perambulat.

The counsall hes condiscendit that fra this tyme furthe the tounes mertche be perambulat and gone throw yeirlie upoun the first Taysday of Mertche, and

that they sall begin the morne, being the first Taysday of Mertche this yeir, and for that end the baillies, deane of gild and convinar, withe the haill counsall and sutche old men and young men as salbe wairnit to attend thame are to wait on the morne and meit togither in the morning.

Mertches to be yeirlie perambulat.

7 *March* 1653.

Haveing hard the complent gevin in be the thesaurer of this burgh against David Neilsone [and six others] for laying thair fuilyie upoun the sydes of the lang calsay that leadis towardis the park newk and spoyling the same, the foirsaidis persones being present, wha could not denye the fault done be thame, are ilk ane of thame unlawit in the sowme of fourtie shilling Scottis money and ordeanit to remayne in waird till they pay thair unlaw, and als to remove thair fuilyie within fyftene dayes nixt efter the dait heirof, under the paine of ten pundis money, and prohibite to lay ony thair againe under the lyke paine.

Layingfuilyie upoun the sydes of the lang calsay.

The deane of gild and convinar and Thomas Downie presentit to the counsall ane roll of certane poore people amongest whome they had destrebute, according to thair severall necessaties, the sowme of tua hunderithe thriescoir seavintene pundis Scottis money, conforme to ane ordinance of the counsall of the dait the sext day of Appryle lastbypast, with the quhilk destrebutioun the counsall does hereby declair thameselfis weill satisfeit.

Destrebutioun of 277 lib. amongest the poore.

11 *March* 1653.

To the honorable the lord Generall Monck, commander in cheif of the forces in Scotland, the humble supplicatioun of the nichtbouris and inhabitantes of the burgh of Sterling, schewethe,—That your lorshippis petitioneris have bene at great truble and chairgis since your first entrie to this burghe in the monethe of *(blank)* 1651, be quartering of the garisone within our burgh, and furnishing of coall, candell, and uther necessaris to the souldiouris in thair quarteris, and hes had no localitie for payment of coall nor candell as uther garisones have had, nather have we had any trading nor handling for our liveing all the tyme, as is weill knowin to the governour and remanent officeris of this garisone, so that throw the great burdine we have had, and laik of our trading and handling, we are licklie to be brocht to totall rowine without it be by your lordship tymuslie preventit. Our humble desyre, thairfoir, is that

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your lordship wald be pleasit to consider of our conditioun, and for preventing of our totall rowine (which undoubtitlie the most pairt of ws wilbe shortlie brocht unto if not prevented) your lordship wald tak some course to setle a localitie upoun some place whair it may be most convenientlie had for payment of coall and candell to this garisone in tyme cuming. And your lordshippis favorable ansuer we humblie wait for.

5 *April* 1653.

Quartering souldiouris.

The counsall hes nominat and electit the persones following to be assistant to the majestrates for quartering of the souldiouris within this burgh as they salbe requyrit till farder ordours: [two persons for each quarter.]

Collectioun for the poore.

Being informit of the present necessatie of poore of this burgh, hes condiscendit that thair be ane publict collectioun at the churche doore for the use of the poore ilk Sabbathe day at the efternoone till ordour be gevin be thame to the contrarie.

19 *April* 1653.

Act reponing Williame Hendersone to his libertie.

Haveing hard the bill gevin in be Williame Hendersone, maltman, whairby he acknawledges the offence done be him in breking of waird, for the quhilk he was justlie declairit to have lost his libertie of this burgh and dischairgit to have any trade or handling thairin, and to remove himself aff the burgh, as ane act sett doune thairanent upoun the tuentie day of October last by past beares, and promeissis by Godis assistance not to doe the lyke in tyme cuming, bot that he sall live more varrelie and circumspectlie without any occasioun of effence ather to majestrates or nichtbouris, all which being considerit be thame and withall it being tryit that the said Williame is trewlie sorufull for his offence, they doe heirby repone him to his said former fredome and libertie.

2 *May* 1653.

Ordinance anent the grammour scoole.

The counsall hes ordanit that the baillies go allongis and take notice of the grammour scoole, and that they take tryall quhair thair is any bairnes past sex yeir auld at uther scooles up and doune the toune, and appoynt thame to be put to the grammour scoole, and dischairge the keipares of uther scooles to take in any sutche childerine heireftir.

12 *July* 1653.

Commissioun to commander in chief.

They have nominat and electit Robert Russall, convinar, and Williame

Barclay, clerk, commissionares for this burgh to go to Edinburgh and represent the havie burdene of this burgh to the comander in cheiff, and to supplicat his honour for liberatioun of asses, and to doe all thingis necessar thairanent as appertenes.

Commissoun to commander in chief.

18 *July* 1653.

Robert Russall, convinar, and Williame Barclay, clerk, presentit the report of thair commissioun under Colonell Lilburne, comander in cheif, his hand, whairwith the counsall declarit thameselfis satisfeit; and in reguaird that thair is ane reference conteanit thairintill to Colonell Rid, governour of this burgh, the counsall ordeanes the baillies, convinar and clerk, to go presentlie eftir the counsall and delyver the same to him and desyre him to take some effectuall course for the tounes liberatioun and ease, conform to the foirsaid ordour.

Report, Robert Russall and William Barclay.

27 *July* 1653.

For my muche respectit freinds the proveist, bailleis, and counsall of Stirling, theis. Assurit freinds,—Since it hes pleisit God to call the laitt erlle of Marr it is thought fitting, by my lord Marrs freinds, now that he be sent for to cum sowth that, if it be possible, sum effectuall way may be tane for satisfactioun of his creditors, which, as I conceive, he will not condiscend to cum heir except upon assuirance from his creditors not to be disturbit in his persone. The most pairt of his creditors heir hes allreadie signed ane protectioun wherof the dubill is heir inclosit. Thairfoir theis ar to intreat yow that ye will be pleasit to signe it in so far as may concerne the moneyis resting to yow for the tuo hospitallis and the church box of Stirling. This I hoipe, as it sall facilitat your satisfactioun, so it sall be ane particular obligatioun conferred on your verrie assurit freind, [Signed:] Cardross. Edinburgh, 27 Julij 1653. I desyre your answer may be heir at furdest againe Tuysday at night.

Letter from Lord Cardross as to Earl of Mar's creditors.

17 *August* 1653.

Robert Russall, convinar, maid report of the commissioun gevin to him and Robert Burne for going to Dalkeithe to the commander in cheif anent the tounes asses that was appoyntit to be laid upoun the shyre, which was that he had gevin ordour to deley the uplifting thairof for 10 or 12 dayes space that he cum to this toun.

Report of comissioun to Dalkeathe.

27 *August* 1653.

Colonell Lilburne and utheris, burgessis and gild brither.

The counsall, being convenit, hes ressavit and admittit the persones following to the libertie and fredome of burgessis and gild brither thairof, gratis, wha and ilk ane of tham maid faithe as use is:—Colonell Robert Lilburne, comander in cheif of all the forces in Scotland; colonell James Berrie, louetennent colonell Totterer, major George Smithsone, louetennent colonell Goffe, William Clerk, esquyare, secritarie [to] the commander in cheif; doctour Samuell Barra, phisician to the armye; [and twenty-two others.]

29 *August* 1653.

Pryce of brythell lawingis.

Taking to consideratioun the abuse used be the nichtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh in taking tuelf shilling for a brythell lawing, they have dischairgit that any nichtbour or inhabitant take more heireftir for a brythell lawing then sex shilling aucht penneis.

5 *November* 1653.

Comissioun to Dalkeithe.

Hes electit and chosin [the convener and clerk] comissionares for thame to go to the comander in cheif and represent to him the tounes grivances, and supplicat that the toune may be liberat of the payment of asses in tyme cuming.

18 *January* 1654.

Anent the candelmakeris.

Hes dischairgit Johne Lorne, James Davie and Robert Ker, candelmakeris, to melt any tallone or make candell heirefter except in out houssis whair no dainger may be thairby, under the paine of ane hundrethe pundis money *toties quoties*, and farder punishment of thair persones as the majestrates and counsall sall think fitt.

25 *March* 1654.

Act, 40 li. payable yeirlie be the gildrie for weyhous.

The counsall hes ordeanit the deane of gild, betuixt and the first day June nixt, to compt with the thesaurar in presence of the majestrates and convenar for what is restand of that fourtie pundis money payable be the gildrie yeirlie to the toune for a weyhous, conforme to the articles drawin in anno 1616,[1] and to satisfie him presentlie thaireftir what is resting; and lykwayes ordeanes the thesaurar to go about the building of a weyhous withe all conveniencie, the place for building quhairof is to be tryit out and designed to him so soone as the magistrates and counsall can gett the same done.

[1] *Antea*, p. 144.

27 *March* 1654.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, after mature deliberatioun and foir thoght takin be thameselfes togither, and advyse from the gild brither, [the crafts, and maltmen,] they doe heirby thirle and astrict the haill nichtbouris and inhabitantes of this burgh, present and to cum, to the commoun milnes callit the Bridge and Borrow Milnes presentlie belongand thairto, and to sutche uther milnes as salhappin heirefter to belong to the said burgh in heretage, tack, or utherwayes be transactioun, and to grind all the malt to be heirefter browin be thame or ony of thame within this burgh thairat and to pay multour thairfoir as followes, to witt,—for ilk boll, tuo heappit capfull; for ilk fyve firlotes, tuo heappit capfull and ane half; and for ilk sex firlotes, thrie heappit capfull; and so furthe proportionable according to the quantatie; whilk thrie heappit capfull is declairit heirby to be a full seall peck and is not to be alterit heirefter without consent of those who have gevin advyse as is before sett doune to this present thirle; and gif any nichtboure or inhabitant, thirlit as said is, failye to bring the malt that is heirefter to be browin be thame to be grund at the saidis milnes they sall pay thairfoir to the thesaurar of this burgh the sowme of fyve pundis Scottis money, *toties quoties*, as lykwayes to the tackismen of the saidis milnes, or sutche as salhave chairge of the same frome the counsall, the double of the multour of the said malt quhilk salhappin to be abstracted, *toties quoties*. Farder, it is aggreit that the majestrates and counsall of this burght, present and to cum, salbe heirby oblidgit to roupe the saidis milnes yeirlie with the rest of the commoun good of this burgh, at least at the expyreing of the yeires of sutche tackis as salhappin to be sett be thame of the same; and that they sall take the tackismen and thair cautiouneris bund and obleist not onlye for payment of the yeirlie dewtie to be aggreit upoun to thame and thair thesaurar in thair name, bot also that they sall grund what malt cumes first to the milne first, without respect of persones, that the poore may not be wrongit nor frustrat of thair maskene; and that they sall pay for ilk maskene lost in thair default fourtie shilling Scottis money to the losser thairof, and for ilk boll malt that beis spilt in the grinding in the millares default the thrid pairt of the pryce thairof to the awner by thair awine malt; and gif the defect be in the malt (quhilk the millare is to make knawin before he grind the same) the maltman if he be ane nichtbour and inhabitant salbe heirby obleidgit to pay the thrid pairt of

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the pryce thairof to the awner as said is, and if not nichtbour and inhabitant the presentare thairof to the milne being broware of the same salbe heirby liberat to reteane the lyke sowme aff the pryce of the malt from the sellare thairof to thame for thair awin use, at the sicht of the majestrates, conforme to the act of parliament maid anent the sufficiencie of malt and presenting thairof to the marcat; and als the said tackisman or millare salbe obleidgit to carie any malt maid within a myle of the mylnes alsweill without as within burgh, and to keipe the just quantatie of multure before appointed to be takin, quhilk if they doe in the contrair the same to be haldin as thift committit be thame and they punished accordinglie and obleidgit to restore foure fold what salbe fund to be takin be thame more then the dew before appoynted for thame. And the said deacone convinar and remanent deacones of craftis protestit that the whole articles of agriement maid and sett doun in anno 1616[1] be observit and keipit conforme to the tennour thairof as they are sett doune, and that this present aggrement be nowayes prejudiciall to thame anent what priviledges can be had or obteanit heirefter in favouris of the craftismen of this burgh, sutche priviledges as Edinburgh, Dundie, Perthe or Glasgow hes, and that they may have recourse to any judge or judges competent within this realme for that effect in tyme and place convenient.

Supplie of distressed persones.

Haveing hard the severall petitiounes gevin in to tham be the distressed persones underwrittin, craveing some helpe and supplie for thair present necessaties, quhilk being considerit and tryell takin of thair severall conditiounes, they have appoyntit the maisteris of the nether hospitall callit Spittallis hospitall to delyver to ilk ane of thame the particular sowme heirefter sett doune, to witt, to James Robertsone, merchand, £33 6 s. 8 d.; to Johne Robertsone, merchand, £33 6 s. 8 d.; to Allexander Bennie, weiver, £16; to William Hendrie, glover, £16; [other thirteen sums varying from £6 13s. 4d. to £33 6s. 8d.] Extending the saidis sowmes in the haill to £254 6 s. 8 d.

13 *May* 1654.

General Monk and utheris burgessis and gild brether.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, being convenit, they have ressavit and admittit the honorabill persones and utheris following to the libertie and fredome of burgessis and gild brether of the said burgh, gratis, wha and ilk ane of thame maid faithe as use is:—General Monk, commander in cheif

[1] *Antea*, pp. 143-4.

of the forces in Scotland; colonell Mathew Thomlisone; [and thirty-six others.] General Monk etc.

7 *June* 1654.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, having takin to consideratioun that they have now and of before borrowed frome Robert Burne and Duncane Allane, maisteris of the nether hospitall, [£4,200 Scots, and have to-day given security, and being desirous that this and all other sums belonging to the hospital should be constantly improven to the best advantage and according to the mortification, and considering that the magistrates and council, who have the patronage and government of the hospital, might happen to use their power adversely to the use of the securities now given:] Thairfoir the majestrates and counsall, for testefeing and making effectuall thair sincere and honest purpose in this whole mater, and to the effect that thair successouris may trade the same steppes and upoun no consideratioun whatsoever intervert that money or any pairt thairof or any proffeit or emolument arysing thairfra, to any uther use, private or publict, then that for whiche it was mortefyed, doe declair, statute, enact, and ordeane that it sall not be lawchfull for the majestrates and counsall of the burgh of Sterling, or thair successouris or any of thame, at any tyme heirefter, to dissuade, hinder, or obstruct Robert Burne and Duncane Allane, present maisteris of the said hospitall, or thair successouris, to make use of and improve the securaties gevin unto thame for the said moneyes, ayther by word, wreat, work, or any act whatsoever contrarie heirunto, and that when they find cause they may [take all necessary proceedings for uplifting the money]; and it is farther inacted and ordeaned that the majestrates and counsall at the tyme of thair being admitted to the office sall take thair oathe in ordour to the faithfull administratioun of the effaires of the said hospitall, and that at the same tyme they salbe consenting to this act and ingadge thameselfis not to ramverse or annull the same in ordour to any thing prejudiciall heirunto. Money borrowit be the toune from Spittales hospitall.

28 *June* 1654.

Ordeanes publicatioun to be maid to the whole nichtbouris throw this burgh that fra this furthe non of thame suffer thair horse or kye to pasture in the kirk yaird. Pastureing horse or kye in kirkyaird.

30 *August* 1654.

Building a weyhous.

Hes ordeanit John M'Nair, present thesaurer of this burgh, to build ane weyhouse of the tua eistmost laiche voltis under the tolbuithe, in the best forme can be devysit, and that be the advyse of Christopher Russall and Androw Baird, baillies, Duncane Nairne, deane of gild, and Robert Russall, convinar, which is to be takin bothe anent the building and agreing with the warkmen; as also the thesaurer is ordeanit to send ane commissioun to Holland for a steill bark and wechtis to the said weyhous not exceiding sex hundrithe wecht.

31 *August* 1654.

Anent electioun of a comissionar to the parliament.

Duncane Nairne, deane of gild, reportit that the haill gild brither did devolve the poware of electioun of the comissionar for this burgh to convene with the comissionaris to be directe from the burghis of Perthe, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, to choyse a comissionar for the parliament, upoun the proveist, baillies and counsall. The convinar for the craftis and visitour for the maltmen reportit the lyke.

Comissioun to Colonell Read.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Sterling, haveing the poware devolvit upoun thame be the remanent nichtboures and inhabitantis of the said burgh to the effect underwrittin, being convenit in obedience to his heignes the Lord Protectour his ordour, hes nominat and electit the richt honorable Colonell Thomas Read, governour and burges of the said burgh, comissionar for the samyne burgh to convene withe the comissionaris to be direct frome the burghis of Perthe, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, upoun Fryday nixt the first day of September, withe contenewatioun of dayes, for electing a comissionar to attend the parliament to be held at the citie of Westmaister in England, and to sitt doune the thrid day of the said monethe of September, thair to consult and advyse with the knychtis, citizenes, and remanent burgessis of the said comounwealthe, conforme to the wrett direct furthe thairanent, intitulat the government of the comounwealthe of England, Scotland, and Ireland; withe poware to thair said comissionar to impoware the commissionar so to be elected as said is to reassone, voite, determine, and conclude in all thingis that salhappin to be proponit in the said parliament which may tend to the glorie of God, the weill of the churche, and good of the comounwealthe; the quhilk comissioun is ordeanit to be drawin up in the

foirsaid forme and subscrivit be Williame Barclay, [clerk] of the said burgh, in name of the proveist, baillies, and counsall, and seallit with the tounes seall. Comissoun to Colonell Read.

12 *September* 1654.

Hes nominat and electit [the convener and clerk] comissionaris to go to Dalkeithe and supplicat the lord generall Monck for ane localatie of coall and candell to the toune, and to doe what ellis salbe thoght convenient be thame for the good of the toune. Comissionaris sent to Dalkeithe.

29 *September* 1654.

Worthy freind,—I dowbt not bot ye have hard that ther is laitlie come frome above ane ordour for continuation of all the magistrattis in borrowis for this yeir, and it is expectit that ane ordour sall shortly come for ane frie election, so till that come we intend to continew as of befor and not to desert our charge, and this is the course that Edinburgh intendis to take. Let these present my love and best respectis to your provest, baillies, and deane of gild and convener, and withall shew them that Gillespies commissioun is blowne up and he is lyk to die for greiff and despair. Our commissioner Okie hes refuised the oath, and Captane Brassie, your governour, hathe at last taken the oath. And so I rest, your affectionat freind, [Signed:] R. Stewart. Linlithgw, 29 Sepr. 1654. [Addressed:] To his much respected freind Williame Barclay, clerk of Stirling, these. Pay the post to the bearer, i s. Letter from Robert Stewart, [provost,] Linlithgow, to clerk of Stirling.

13 *November* 1654

Ordeanes Allexander Burne, baillie, and Thomas Downie, deacone of the hamermen, to go allongis to the castell withe sutche as the governour sall appoynt, and sicht sutche plenneshing as any nichtbouris of this burgh hes thair withe the officeris or souldiouris, and put ane pryce thairupoun particularlie, that course may be takin to give satisfactioun for the same. Sichting and pryceing pleineshing in the castell.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, have gevin thair oathes that they have not onlye bene secrett and keipit close what hes bene revilit in counsall concerning the comoun effaires of this burgh, or any other publict and particular bussines, bot that they sall keipe secreit what sall be revilit thair in all tyme heirefter. Oath of secrecie gevin be the counsall.

2 *December* 1654.

Act anent the litstaris.

Efter consideratioun takin upoun some complentis maid to thame, have dischairgit the litstares of this burgh to litt any yairne heirefter withe caprus gallis, blew birsall, or any uther unsufficient litt in tyme cuming, ilk ane of thame under the pane of tuentie pundis Scottis money, *toties quoties;* and farder it is dischairgit that any litstar sall at any tyme heirefter washe any yairne or cloathe abone the bridge steane at the eist end of Johne Smetounes warkhous, under the penaltie of fyve pundis money, *toties quoties.*

23 *December* 1654.

Anent the planting of the churche.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, haveing some questiounes frome maister James Guthrie, to witt, 1st, whither or not they thoght fitting ane actuall minister or ane expectant sould be callit to supplie the place of the deceast maister David Bennet; 2nd, Whither or not they wald awine maister George Bennet and his associates now joynit in ane presbetrie, or the said maister James and his associates in thair presbetrie; 3rd, Whither or not they thoght it futting that a young man wer fund out to be ane helper to him in preitching dureing the vacancie of this churche,—it is appoyntit that before any ansuer be maid to the foirsaidis questiones the proveist [and four others] sall go and speik withe maister James and aske him what he intendis to doe anent the electioun of ane eldership within this congregatioun and make report thairof.

29 *January* 1655.

Report fra maister James Guthrie.

The proveist, baillie Russall, baillie Baird, the deane of gild and convenar, reportit to the counsall that they haveing spokin withe maister James Guthrie according to the comissioun gevin to thame upoun the 23 of December anent the electioun of ane eldareship within this congregatioun, and that maister James hes declairit to thame that he and those wha serves as eldares with him for the present will take course for making up of ane eldareship in the congregatioun and will not acknawledge any utheris thairintill, notwithstanding quhairof it is ordeanit for peace cause that these wha did formarlie speik withe maister James, all except baillie Baird, sall againe speik withe him and tray gif he can be movit to lett a full eldareship be chosen in the congregatioun, and that some few may be considerit upoun of consent for choysing of thame peceablie and amicablie.

19 *February* 1655.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, considering the weichtie bussines they have on hand anent the planting of this churche with a qualefeit able pastoure in place of the deceast maister David Bennet, and what deficulties are liklie to aryse thairintill, they have resolvit unanimouslie to send some of thair number and take the advyse and counsall of the reverent and worthie men of the churche following in the mater of the said plantatioun, to witt, maister Robert Douglas, maister David Dicksone, maister George Cuthbertsone, and maister James Hamiltoune, ministeris at Edinburgh; maister Robert Baillie, maister James Durehame, maister Hew Blair, and maister George Young, ministeris at Glasgow; and to this effect they have nominat and appoyntit [the provest and three others] to repaire to Edinburgh and Glasgow and meit with the foirsaidis ministeris to the intent abone sett doune.

Provest, etc., to go to Edinburgh and Glasgow.

29 *June* 1655.

Thair being a supplicatioun presentit to the majestrates and counsall of this burgh be the most pairt of the nichtbouris and inhabitantis thairof, [referring to acts by their predecessors providing for a conjunct minister,[1]] never expecting any few number of the burgh, far les that maister James Guthrie, under the name of ane eldership, quhilk he hes not, and some few of the congregatioun, sould stryve to thrust in a man upoun thame whome they know not nor hes not condiscendit to, as is aimed at now, [and desiring that the former acts should be annulled. The council by a majority] ordeanit that all former actis of counsall, and uther obleismentis maid and gevin in favouris of a conjunct minister within this burgh, salbe fra this furthe voyde and null, and sall make no faithe in tyme cuming as a band or tay upoun any of the incorporatioun for payment of a stipend, or any pairt thairof, to any conjunct minister wha is or sall not be lawchfullie callit be the greatest pairt of the incorporatioun and conforme to the ordour of the churche of this land and formar customes of this place.

Annulling formar actis in favouris of conjunct ministeris.

24 *September* 1655.

The provest, baillies and counsall, being convenit upoun some intelligence come to thame anent ane libertie and poware granted be his heighnes the

Letteres to be direct to Williame Thomsone.

[1] *Antea*, p. 185.

Lettres to be direct to Williame Thomsone anent election.

Lord Protectour for a new electioun of counsellouris and majestrates within this burgh, they have appoyntit ane particular lettere to be directit to Williame Thomsone, toune clerk of Edinburgh, for advyse and counsall in the said mater.

Anent the houssis pullit doune be the last Kings armie in annis 1650 and 1651.

Thair being producit to the magistrates and counsall of this burgh ane ordour gevin furthe be Generall Monck, mentioning that thair is great devastatioun in this burgh be the late Scottis Kingis armie thair pulling doune of divers houssis thairin in the yeir 165[0-1],[1] authorizing and requyreing Colonell Read, governour, to cause give notice unto the owneris of all sutche houssis as are so dimolished that they repair and re-edefie the same within the space of thrie monthes efter such notice gevin, and in cais of failyie authorizing him or sutche of the inhabitantis or utheris in the toune of Sterling and pairtis adjacent to rebuild the saidis houssis and to enjoye the same in consideratioun of thair chairgis, daittit the 22 of August 1655; it is ordeanit be the haill counsall that the majestrates sall take tryall of any sutch houssis and make up ane list of the names of the awneris thairof that adverteisement may be gevin to thame of the foirsaid ordour gevin furthe be the generall.

27 *September* 1655.

Act anent the baxteris lite.

The majestrates and counsall, for shunning of any disturbance or truble that may aryse, have in the intaking of the lites of the deacones of craft dispensit withe foure baxteris for the lite of that craft for this yeir, bot ordeanes that in all tyme heirefter they give up aucht of thair craft in lite as hes bene the use and custome in formar tymes, utherwayes it is not to be receavit of thair handis.

1 *October* 1655.

Electioun of the new counsall.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, being convenit, and taking to thair consideratioun a declaratioun emitted be his heighnes the Lord Protectouris counsall for Scotland, declairing that for the reasones thairin conteanit all prohibitiounes as to electiounes of majestrates are takin aff, and that all cities, burghes, and tounes corporat in Scotland, to whome the priviledge of choysing thair majestrates belongis, may frome hencefurthe meit and convene for that end within thair respective burghes, cities, and tounes, and thair to proceid to

[1] The date had originally been left blank both here and on the margin, but on the latter the years 1650 and 1651 have subsequently been written.

thair dew and lawchfull nominatioun and electioun of thair respective majestrates, etc., as it beares; they have according to the formar use and custome of this burgh electit and choysit the persones following as the new counsall thairof for this yeir to cum, they are to say . . . Electioun of the new counsall.

5 *October* 1655.

Haveing receavit adverteisment that the excyse of this countie quhairin the burgh is comprehendit is to be takin upoun Monday nixt[1] . . . appoyntit commissionares to go to Leithe againe Monday nixt for taking the excyse of this burgh, and are appoyntit to take the same at the best availl, and to have a cair that all excysable goodis ventit and sold within burgh, alsweill be Inglishe as Scottis, be includit within the tack. Commissionares anent the excyse.

13 *October* 1655.

Robert Russall and Androw Buchannan maid report of thair commissioun for taking of the excyse, viz., that James Sterling and the said Robert Russall had takin the excyse of the countie and toune equallie betuixt thame, and had ingadgit to pay fourescoir ane pund starling monethlie for the same, quhilk the counsall approves of and condiscendis unto; and seing Robert Russallis half is for the tounes use, it is thoght expedient that some be appoyntit to speik withe James Sterling and sattle with him for the tounes pairt. Report anent taking of the excyse.

The counsall hes ordeanit that a lettere be writtin frome thame and the sessioun to the ministeris of Edinburgh, desyreing thame to supplie this incorporatioun with some of thair britherine to preatche some few Sabothes to thame. Lettere to the ministeris of Edinburgh.

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[1] In connection with the introduction, in 1655, of the system of farming the excise and customs, one of the commissioners, Thomas Tucker, who had been despatched from London to assist in the work, issued a report containing a curious and interesting account of some parts of Scotland at that time. In the course of his inspection of the Forth ports, Tucker arrives at "Sterling, a pretty burgh, famous for the strength of the castle and bridge, which is layd over the Firth at that place, this being the head of it, and the tyde flowing not a mile above it. Here live some merchants, but the shallownesse of the river, with the windeings thereof, makeing the way long, and not permitting a boat of burthen to passe up soe high, all goods are entred first and cleered belowe at Burrostonesse, and thence afterward carryed up in small boates as the merchant hath occasion for them."—*Miscellany of Scottish Burgh Records Society*, 1881, p. 20.

22 *October* 1655.

Uplifting of the excise.

It is appoyntit that diligence he usit be the majestrates, thesaurer, and sutche uther of the counsall as may convenientlie attend, for receaving in of the first monethes excyse, withe sua meikle of the excyse of this weik as may convenientlie be had, that the equall half of the sowme may be maid reddie which is to be payit for the foure monethes.

27 *October* 1655.

Advyse to be cravit anent Mr. Matthias Sympsone.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of Sterling, laying to heart the sad conditioun that the burgh is in for the present throw the want of a minister to preatche the gospell and administrat the sacramentis to tham, and how that they have bene dealling heirtofoir to have had a minister planted amongest thame to that end, bot had not prevailed, and withall considering how the Lord hes bene pleased be all appeirance to grant ane opportunatie for the congregatioun to have thameselfis planted be ane maister Matthias Sympsone, whome ane great pairt of thame have hard and all of thame are to heare the Lordis day inshewing, and wha hes ane verie ample approbatioun from severall reverend and eable pastouris in this churche, and is not wanting of ane approbatioun frome sindrie amongest thameselfis, they have thairfoir appoyntit that upoun Monday nixt, at seavin houres in the morning, the deane of gild convene his britherine, the deacone convinar and remanent deacones thair severall trades, the visitour of the maltmen the maltmen, James Rind, meassone, and James Chrystiesone, wricht, the mechanicks, Johne Thomsone and Robert Mitchell the rest of the omnigatherum; and that they make knawine to thame this opportunatie, and to desyre thame eftir they have socht Godis directioun in the mater to give thair advyse to the majestrates and counsall how to carie thameselfis in relatioun to the giving of a call to the said maister Matthias Sympsone to be minister of this toune; that if it be the Lordis will to direct it so that all aggrie togither and be of one mynd the work may be gone about cheirfullie be the directioun of Him whois work it is, and it may tend to His glorie, the edificatioun of the soules of His people, and the comfort of all [those] he moves to go on in His work. And the deane of gild and utheris abone sett doune are appoyntit to report thair ansuer heirto upoun Monday nixt at ten houris in the foirnoone.

3 *November* 1655.

The provesit and utheris who wer comissionat at the last meiting to speik withe the presbetrie, and to meit withe maister Matthias Sympsone and aggrie withe him, and to cause draw a call to be subscrivit and delyverit to him, maid report of what they had done bothe in relatioun to the aggriement withe him, being for one thowsand pundis Scottis money in satisfactioun of all he can ask or crave yeirlie, at Witsonday and Mertimes, dureing his service of the cure in this place, upoun no termes to be maid furthcumand to any who sall succeid or cum in efter him, and in relatioun to his call, which they causit draw and is now subscryvit and delyverat to him; all which the majestrates and counsall ratefies and approves of.

Report anent the aggriement with maister Mathias Sympsone.

21 *November* 1655.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall, have for thameselfis, and in name of the most pairt of the nichtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, nominat and electit Johne Buchanan, [and two others, their commissioners] to appeir before the honorable lordis and utheris of his heighnes the Lord Protectouris counsall of esteate, the comissionares for the churche effaires, and honorable memberis of all uther judicatories necessar within this natioun, and thair to hold out and represent to thame the sad and lamentable conditioun that this citie and congregatioun have bene into throw the want of a pastoure amongest thame this long tyme bygone, and to supplicat thair honouris that they wald be pleasit to take the interruptioun maid in the present plantatioun to thair serious consideratioun and grant to the said burgh the libertie and fredome dew to thame for establishing thair pasture whome they have callit and transactit withe for instructing thame in the way of salvatioun and directing thame, be Godis assistance, to lead ane honest, godlie, and quyet lyfe, under the powares that by His providence doe presentlie ringe over thame.

Comissioun, pastour.

2 *February* 1656.

Robert Russall maid report to the majestrates and counsall that, conforme to thair ordour, he had takin the excyse of this toune and schyre, with James Sterling, for ane yeiris time, and that they wer to pay thairfoir, monethlie, fourescoir fyve pund starling money. [The magistrates and council approved, and bound themselves to relieve Robert Russall of his share] seing that it is for the tounes use.

Report anent taking of the excyse.

21 *April* 1656.

Comissioun anent the planting of the church.

Nominat and comissionat Johne Buchannan, baillie, and Robert Russall, convinar, comissionares for this burgh to repaire to Edinburgh and tray what may be done for obteaning ansuer to the tounes last supplicatioun anent the planting of the churche, craveing approbatioun thairto, and als to take advyse what salbe done for obteaning of the churche, and if neid beis to supplicat for bothe or any of thame as they sall ressave advyse and find opportunatie, and ordeanes the thesaurar to pay thair chairgis, quhilk salbe allowit in his accomptis.

12 *May* 1656.

Constables.

Taking to consideratioun the ordinance direct furthe be his heighnes counsall at Edinburgh anent the nominating and appoynting constables and visitouris within burgh, they have ordeanit that the majestrates, the dean of gild and convinar, the old deane of gild, and William Starrat, deacone of the hamermen, sall meit and make up a list of some honest men within the burgh fitt for the foirsaid chairge and give it in to the counsall at thair nixt meiting, that the majestrates may make electioun of sutche as they sall think fitt, conforme to the ordour direct to thame.

26 *May* 1656.

Comission, churche.

Nominat and comissionat Robert Russall, deacone convinar, and James Stevinsone, merchand, to go to Edinburgh withe maister Matthias Sympsone, minister, and withe him to supplicat his heighnes counsall for libertie of the churche to preatche into, or at least for the libertie of the utter churche.

Act Mr. James Edmondstoune maister of the grammer schole.

The proveist, baillies and counsall have concludit and aggreit withe maister James Edmonstoune, lait minister at St. Ninians, that he sall instruct and teatche the haill youthe of this burgh, and utheris who salhappin to be presentit to him in the grammer schole, in all pairtis of grammer and authoris, both Greik and Latine, dureing the whole space and tyme that it salhappin him to be uncallit to some publict place of the ministrie and setlit thairintill, and that as principall maister of the said grammer schole; and that he sall give and imploye himself haillalie to the teatching of the said grammer schole and not withdraw himself thairfra at ony tyme dureing the said space, but licence socht and obteanit thairto of the majestrates and counsall; and sall enter to the teatching of the said schole at the dait heirof, and sall not leave

the same except he be callit to the work of the ministrie and setlit thairintill as said is, or utherwayis that he give lawchfull adverteisement to the majestrates and counsall the space of half a yeir before his removall, in quhilk cais it salbe lysum to the said maister James to leave the schole at his pleasour. For the quhilk cause, the saidis proveist, baillies and counsall [shall pay to him £140 Scots yearly, besides the annual rent of 500 merks mortified by John Cowane;[1]] and for ilk tounes bairne the said maister James is and salbe heirby licenciat to take in schollage ilk quarter of the yeir 6 s. 8 d., and to take of geintilmenes bairnes according to the discretioun of the giveris and as they and he can agrie. Act, etc.

16 *August* 1656.

In obedience to his heighnes the Lord Protectouris ordour anent the nominating and appoynting ane of thair number to convene and meit withe the comissionares of the burghis of Perthe, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culrose, at Sterling, the tuentie day of August instant, to the intent underwrittin, have nominat and electit Johne Buchannan, baillie, burges of the said burgh, thair verie lawchfull comissionar to convene and meit withe the severall comissionares of the saidis severall burrowes the foirsaid day and place, be ten houres, to make electioun of and impoware ane comissionare for the saidis fyve burghes, sufficientlie qualefied according to his heighnes my Lord Protectouris ordour, to meit and convene withe the remanent comissionares of his Heighnes parliament to be haldin at Westmaister in England, upoun the sextene day of September nixtocum, thair then to reasone, voyce, determine, and conclude in all thingis that salhappin to be proponit in the foirsaid parliament, and to doe and consent unto these thingis which then and thair by comoun counsall of the comounwealthe in parliament, by Godis blissing, salbe ordeanit upoun the weightie effaires which concerne the glorie of God, the weill of the churche, and good of the comounwealthe of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Comissionar for the parliament.

25 *August* 1656.

[The commissioner appointed on 16th August reported] that the burrowes convened, conforme to the ordour direct to thame, and had maid electioun of Colonell Hendrie Markhame. Commissionar for the parliament.

[1] *Antea*, p. 173.

1 *September* 1656.

Churche to be built up in the middle.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, having heard a report from sutche of thair number as they had appoyntit to go allongis withe maister Matthias Symsone to maister James Guthrie for requyreing of him thair awine libertie for preitching in the churche, conforme to the ordour of the honorable lordis of his heighnes counsall, that the said maister James hes refuisit any acces for the said maister Matthias to preatche in the churche, they have thairfoir resolvit and concludit that according to the ordour of his heighnes counsall, whairby thair lordships hes gevin warrand to cause build up a partitioun in the churche, to go on for shunning of farder controversie, and in the meanetyme till it please the Lord to grant the toune that libertie whiche they are confident is dew to thame as wilbe efterwards fund, and to cause make up the devisioun at als easie reate as can be, and ease thameselfis withe sutche seattes as they may cause carie out and in withe thame upoun preatching dayes and sutche lyk, trusting that God will in his awine appoyntit tyme grant thame who are the suffereris that whiche is thair awine dew right.

8 *September* 1656.

Aggrement betuixt the toune and maister Matthias Sympsone.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall, taking in consideratioun how that thair predicessouris, for the advancement of the glorie of God and furtherance of the work of the gospell in this place, whiche they conceaved could not be servit withe one single pastoure without ane helper, and that they had concludit amongest thame to call one, in place of the deceast maister David Bennet, whome they and the greatest pairt of the congregatioun sould think upoun, aggrie, and sattle withe, as thair predicessouris did withe the deceast maister Johne Allane and the said deceast maister David Bennet, without any command frome churche or state, but upoun thair awine accord, for the endis foirsaid, out of thair frie will and liberalatie, never conceaving that what they actit for soe good ane end sould have bene maid so evill ane use of, as hes bene maid be maister James Guthrie, sumtyme a minister in this congregatioun (bot now deposed be the churche), and a few persones of the incorporatioun (quhairof some pretend thameselfis to be eldares) in giveing a call to maister Robert Rule who wilfullie harkned to thame and ansuered thair call, contrarie to the allowed ordour of the churche of this land, though he was informed of the evill he wald bring to himself and truble to this congregatioun by so doing;

and seing, efter long debeate and controversie before the honorable comissionares for churche effaires, and before the honorable lordis of his heighnes counsall in Scotland, anent maister Matthias Symsone, sumtyme minister at Kirkandrowes, his being minister of Sterling as lawchfullie called and ordourlie admittit thairto in place of the said deceast maister David Bennet, it is fund be the saidis honorable lordis of counsall that the said maister Matthias hes a good call to be minister of Sterling, and thair lordships have ordoured him to enjoye the haill legal beneficies and stipendis belongand to that place (to the whiche he is called) fra the secund day of Februarij last and so for the future without lett or interruptioun; and the saidis proveist, baillies and counsall, knowing certainlie that what was formarlie actit and done be thair predicessouris in relatioun to the payment of a stipend to any of the predicessouris of the said maister Matthias (which wer onlye the foirsaid tuo in number) wer bot for thair satisfactioun dureing thair service of the cure at the said churche, and not for any successouris but sutche as sould be called be the proveist, baillies, counsall, and greatest pairt of the congregatioun, as the said maister Matthias hes bene, they have, notwithstanding of thair present great povertie and inabilatie, concludit to settle a competent stipend for the said maister Matthias Symsone dureing his chairge as minister of Sterling, and not for any successouris except they be called as is before sett doune and ane new transactioun maid withe thame for thair stipend, whither it be the same or les, as they sall aggrie upoun; and thairfoir they doe willingly inact and obleidge thameselfis and thair sucessouris, and thair thesauraris, present and to cum, in thair names, to content and pay to the said maister Matthias Symsone, yeirlie, dureing his service of the cure as minister of the churche at Sterling [1200 merks Scots for his stipend, and 200 merks Scots for his manse and glebe. For relief of these payments the treasurer was appointed to receive the annualrent of mortified money, £220 13s. 4d.; from the common good, £217 6s. 8d.; guildry, £180; crafts, £180; maltmen, £60; mechanics, £36; "the rest of the omnegathrum," £48.]

Agreement betuixt the toune and maister Matthias Sympsone.

20 *October* 1656.

Nominates and commissionates Robert Stevinsone, proveist of the said burgh, and Duncane Nairne, old deane of gild, thair commissionares to meit withe sutche commissionares as salbe commissionat be the burghis of Lin-

Commissioun, coal on south syde of Forthe.

Commissioun, coal on south syde of Forthe.

lithgow and Queinsferrie for making electioun of tua amicable compositouris and arbitratouris for the severall burghis bewest the Quenisferrie, on the southe syde of Forthe, to Sterling, in the matter submittit betuixt the maisteris of the coalles and coalwarkis within the saidis boundis and the magistrates and counsellouris of the saidis burghis anent the constant keiping of mettes and measures upoun the severall coalhillis within the saidis boundis for metting and messouring of the haill coallis, great and small, that salhappin to be sold be the saidis coalmaisteris, thair coalgrives, servantis or utheris under thame, or deryving poware from thame, for the space sett doune in the said submissioun, and anent what salbe the quantatie thairof in lenthe, breid, and deipnes, and the pryce to be payit for ewerie ane of the saidis mettis and measouris dureing the said space. . . .

23 *October* 1656.

Letter from General Monck anent Mr. Robert Rule's supplicatione.

For the right honorable the Commissioners for administratione of Justice, these, att Edinburgh.

I make bold to send you the inclosed petition from maister Robert Rule, and to acquaint you that the councill, from the time that hee served, did intend hee should receive his stipend; and that which was ordered for Mrs. Bennett I am confident it was nott the councills resolutioun that itt should bee takin out of his pay. I thought fitt to give you this notice of itt being, I understand, the businesse will bee before you on Thursday next, that you may doe in itt as you shall think fitt in your owne discretion, and I thought fitt to give you this notice that this gentleman may not receive any injury in this businesse for want of information. I remayne your very loving friend and servant, [Subscribed:] GEORGE MONCK.—Dalkeith, 23° 10$^{ii.}$ 1656.

Supplication inclosed.

To the rycht honorabill the lord generall Monke, the supplicatioune of maister Robert Rule humblie sheweth,—That wheras I had an order from the rycht honorabill the court for ecckliasticke materis for the stipend belonging to the secund minister of Stirling for three quarters of a yeare, and that for serving of the cure ther for the tyme, it is alledged that the forsaid order is takine away by a posterior order of the rycht honorabill the counsell of his highnes my lord Protector in Scotland given to Mrs. Bennet, and I understand it was not the mind of the counsell to invalidat or disanull that former order of inquiry, especially since Mrs. Bennet hath noe right to that pairt of the

stipend allotted to me. May it therfor please your lordshipp to signifie so much of the counsils mind to the court of justice least I should suffer therby. And your lordships ansuer humbly expectis, [Subscribed:] Ro^T. Rule.

Supplication inclosed.

27 *October* 1656.

Nominat and commissionat Duncane Nairne, leat deane of gild, to meit with the commissionares nominat or to be nominat for the burghis of Perth, Dumfermeling, or Culrose, anent the electioun of arbitratouris in what concernes the coall bussines in that divisioun.

Commissioun, coal benorthe Forthe.

7 *March* 1657.

Theas are for the right honorabill the provest, baillies, and counsell of the brugh of Striveling. Right honorabill,—Haiffing formarlie representit to your honouris (by our supplicatioune) the sad estate this our burgh is now redactit unto throw the loas of our schipping and means, and the rewinat conditione of our bulwarkis aud hearbarie, by the storme in December 1655; and finding, by our commissionar we then sent, that your honouris wer pleased to take notice of the same and to look with a compassionat ey on our deplorable conditione (for which we cannot bot render you hartie thanks) we wer bold thairefter to wreat to your honouris to understand how soon we might expect quhat ye wold be pleased to bestow towards our present help and supplie; and now the seasone of the year cuming in, fitt for putting ws awork to goe on to the compleiting of theas works we have necessarlie intendit for the saiftie and subsistance of this burgh, and we being unable to proceid any forder thairin without help (all we could do being exhaustit) we have maid forder bold to send the bearer, Walter Airth, one of our nomber, to know quhat help we may expect from your honouris, and to quhom, we have given and heirby gives our full power to ressave quhat ye salbe pleased to bestow towards our present help and supplie. We doubt not bot ye will extend the bowles of compassion to this poor incorporatione quhich stands in so great neid of help, and we hope quhat salbe so bestowit sall not be fund lost, it being given for the help and releiff of a distressed brugh quhois inhabitantis sall nevir be unmyndfull of ony kyndnes schawin to us. This desyreing from our harts that God wold blisse your honouris and your labouris, and wischeing the floorischeing and prosperous condition of your good citie, we doe subscryve

Letter from burgh of Pettenwem.

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our selffis to be your verrie obledget freindis and servantis, the baillies and counsell of Pettenwem. Pettenwem, 7 March 1657.

4 *July* 1657.

Building ane horse milne.

The majestrates and counsall hes comissionat the proveist [and four others] to meit withe George Logane and heir what he will take for building of ane horse milne within this burgh, and if they find it a matter feasable to aggrie withe him for building thairof at als easie a rait as they can, and ather to furnishe tymber himself withe all uther materialles or to aggrie withe him for his paines and the toune to furnishe all; and ordeanes thame to report the nixt counsall day, and to adverteise George Logane to be then present in toune.

11 *July* 1657.

Report as to aggrement for building ane horse milne.

The proveist [and others] maid report of the commissioun gevin to thame to speik and aggrie withe George Logane for building of ane horse milne to the toune as followes, to witt, that they had aggreit withe him and he hes undertakin to build ane sufficient ganging horse milne for tuelf pund starling money, ane boll malt, and ane boll meale, the toune furnishing him tymber and all uther materiallis necessar for the work and building the house upoun thair awine chairgis; withe the quhilk aggrement the counsall declaires thameselfis to be weill pleasit and heirby ratefies and approves thairof; and ordeanes George Hendersone, thesaurare, to indent withe the said George Logane for building of the said milne upoun the conditiounes foirsaid at the sicht of the majestrates.

29 *August* 1657.

The churche bell to be castin and helpit.

The majestrates and counsall haveing considerit the necessatie that thair is for causeing renew that bell in the churche whiche is now riven and unproffitable, they have ordeanit that it be sent over to Holland to David Stevinsone, merchand, burges of this burgh, wha is thair for the present, to cause cast the same of new againe, and make it fyve hunderithe weight or thairby, for whiche effect James Stevinsone is heirby authorized to wrett to his brother, and to desyre him to cause put about the bell in lettres: A bell for the burgh of Sterling; and the yeir of God in figures; and George Hendersone, thesaurare, is ordeanit to send over money to satisfie for the same.

10 *November* 1657.

The brig and borrowmilnes, with the horsemilne and thirle belongand to thame, sett to Walter Naper, at Parkmilne, for this yeir to cum, for payment weiklie of foure bollis thrie firlotes multour malt, for the which space it is aggreit that no malt salbe takin out without the portis of the toune to grund except speciall licence be obteanit frome the majestrates upoun considerable occatioun for that effect, and that the horsemilne, as also the uther tua milnes sall all be keipit up and reddie for service in good ordour (the thesaurer furnishing steanes and wheillis thairto allanerlie); and that good, thankfull, leall, and reddie service salbe maid at the saidis milnes bothe in careing the malt to and fra the milnes and grunding the same reddelie thairat. Set of brig and milnes.

20 *January* 1658.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, haveing hard and considerit ane supplicatioun gevin in to thame be certane misterfull and distressed nichtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh, they have recomendit to the auditouris of the accomptis of the nether hospitall of this burgh to take tryall of the whole misterfull people within this burgh, and, according as they find thair necessaties, ordeanes thame to give thame ane proportionable allowance for thair helpe and supplie; and to cause insert thair names, withe the proportioun of the allowance gevin tham, in the accomptis of the said hospitall. Nether hospitall accomptis, misterfull people.

20 *March* 1658.

Ordeaned that the haill obits and ground annuallis perteaning to the toune and sett doune in the end of this booke be charged upon the thesaurer after the terme of Whitsunday nextocome for all yeirs comeing. Obits and ground annuallis.

Roll off the grund annuallis of auld dew to St. James and St. Thomas altares within the kirk of Sterling and now perteaning to the said burghe yeirlie to be upliftit: [twenty-two ground annuals in sums varying from 1s. 6d. to £2 18s., and amounting together to £14 7s.]

3 *January* 1659.[1]

The proveist, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, for themselves and Commissiouner for choyseing commissiouner to parliament.

[1] At the top of the first page of the council record beginning 3rd January, 1659, and ending 18th September, 1703, the following memorandum occurs:—"Thomas Andersone, thesaurer, hes payed for this booke the soume of ellevine pound fourteen shilling Scotts." The book is a large folio, and contains 370 leaves.

Commissiouner, etc.

representing the communitie thairof, in obedience to his highnes the Lord Protectouris ordour annent the nominating and appointing ane of their number to conveen and meet with the commissioneris of the burghis of Perth, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, at Sterling, the sixt of this instant, to the intent underwrittin, have nominat and elected, and be the tenour hereof nominats and elects Robert Burne, deane of gild of the said burgh, their verie lauchfull commissioner to conveen and meet with the severall commissioneris of the saidis severall burrowes the foresaid day and place, be ten houers, to make electione of and impower one commissioner for the saidis fyve burghs, sufficientlie qualified according to his highnes the Lord Protectouris order, to conveen and meet with the remanent commissioneris of his highnes parliament to be held at Westminster in England upon the twenty seven day of Januar instant, there then to reasone, voice, determine and conclude in all things which then and there, by comon counsell of the comonwealth in parliament, by God's blessing, shalbe ordeanit upon the weightie affares which then and there concerne the glorie of God, the weill of the church, and good of the commonwealth.

Great seale to Meiklewoods borebreive.

The said thesaurer hes receavit fra Johne Grahame of Meiklewood ten merkis Scottis for affixing the towns great seale to a borebreive subscrivit be the saidis magistrats and counsell to him.

26 *September* 1659.

The thrie baillies keept in place this yeare.

The counsell, takeing to consideratione the grievance maid be John Buchannan, James Stevinson, and Andrew Buchannan, baillies, that quhair they have been in the said charge these twa years bygone and that (contrair to the acts of counsell maid of before) they being now chosen againe to the said office for this yeare to come, and at the counsellis serious desire hes accepted the same, therefore the counsell for thair encouragement does hereby promise and engadge to them that they salbe keept free of the charge of magistracie the next ensueing yeare, and this thair act abonewrittin, with the saids former acts maid in favouris of the magistrats, are ordeaned to be read publictlie in counsell everie yeare in tyme comeing the counsell day immediatlie preceiding the election that none may pretend ignorance thereof.

22 *October* 1659.

The magistrats and counsell of the said burgh, takeing to consideratione the great charge and expences susteaned by the inhabitants of this towne and shire throw transporting and carrieing of tach and tallow furth of the same, before candle be made thereof for the use of the said towne and shire, therefore they enact and ordeane that noe maner of persone from this furth presume to transport or carrie any tach or tallow furth of the said burgh without licence of the saidis magistrats and counsell, except what salbe for the use of coal hughes and uther publict workes.

Act against the transportares of tach and tallow.

16 *June* 1660.

There being a debait in counsell concerning the rowping and exacting of the towns calsey meales, conforme to the tennour of their new chartour, James Howstone, deacone of the cordinars, protested againest the same and immediatlie rose upe and deserted the counsell without licence. The counsell, notwithstanding, continowes the said debait till this day fourteen dayes the threttieth of June instant.

Anent the calsey meales.

30 *June* 1660.

The proveist, baillies and counsell, takeing to their consideration that they have good and undowted right to the haill calsey meales of the said burgh be vertew of their new chartour granted be the late King Charles the first, of blissed memorie, and that throw neglect and oversight the saids meales hes not been rowped nor exacted ever since the granting of the said chartour, to the great hurt and prejudice of the yearlie common good of the said burgh, therefore the saids proveist, baillies, and most pairt of the counsell, did unanimouslie condiscend that the saids calsey meales should be in all tyme comeing rowped and exacted yearlie with the rest of the comon good of the said burgh, conforme to the tenour of the foirsaid chartour; but Thomas Downie, deacone of the hammermen, and conveener for the present, [and the deacons of the baxters, tailors, fleshers and weavers,] declared (as it was writtin verbatim from their mouthes) that they would have nothing to doe with the towns chartour in reference to any thing prejudiciall to the tradsemen of the said burgh as they were in use and custome heretofore, and that nather they nor their crafts will consent to the rowping or exacting of the saidis meales; upon the which declaration of theirs the provest took instrumentis.

Exacting of the calsey meales.

James Howstone discharged aff the counsell.

The counsell considering that the last counsell day, upon debait maid in counsell in ordour to the rowping and exacting of the towns calsey meales, James Howstone, deacone of the cordinars, had risen and deserted the counsell, and protested against their procedour therein, he is therefore, by pluralitie of voices, declared noe member of the counsell and discharged to be warnit to any meeting of the counsell hereafter till they be furder advysed; and becaus he hes this day intruded himself again in counsell, and vented seditious and mutunous wordis tending to the division of this counsell and incorporation, the provest, for preservatioun of the Kings peace, and preventing of such disorder and confusion, hes in his Majesties name discharged the said James to make any conventions of the brethreen of his calling or of any uthers without speciall licence of the counsell, as he will ansuer to the contrair on his perrill.

18 *August* 1660.

Meetings of the committee of estates.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, being conveened, Duncan Nairn, proveist, presented to the counsell the Kings Majesties proclamatioune authorizeing and appointeing the committee of estates that sat at this burgh in anno 1651 to meet togither upon the 23 of this instant, in order to the affaires of this kingdome, and the said provest being a member of the said committee thought it fitt to acquent the counsell with the said proclamatioun and to crave their advyce whether or not he should keep the meetings of the said committee; wha being advysed therewith, thought it most expedient that he sould keep the said meetings, and appoints the thesaurer to pay his charges.

22 *September* 1660.

The chancellouris lettre.

The said proveist communicated to the counsell the lord chancellouris lettre to the last particulare convention of burrowes, with the said convention their act maid thereanent, in order to the election of magistrats, counsellors, deacons, and other officers within burgh, in the next ensueing electione; which act (bearing ingrossed thairin the said lettre) being of the date the 15 of September instant[1] was publictlie read in counsell that none might pretend ignorance thereof.

20 *October* 1660.

Act annent the main gaird.

The magistrats and counsell, considering that the main guaird built upon

[1] Convention Records, iii., pp. 522-3.

the hie street of this burgh is now become ruinous and decayed, have therefore ordered their thesaurer to demolish and take downe all that is remayning and standing thereof, except two daill lenth of the west end of the same which they ordeane to stand till furder ordour; and appoints the said thesaurer to cause make wind ticht and watter ticht that which is appointed to stand with the timber of that which is to be demoleshed, and to secure the rest of the said demoleshed timber for the towns use.

Act annent the main gaird.

29 *October* 1660.

The proveist, baillies and counsell being conveened, have nominat and appointed Robert Russell, baillie, presentlie to ryde to the countesse of Mar, eldare, and procure the lend of a foot mantle from her ladyship (if shoe hes ane) for the towns commissioner to ryde the next parliament thairwith; and in caise thair cannot be ane had from her ladyship the magistrats are appointed to provyde a new one upon the towns charges, and the thesaurer to pay for the same.

Anent a foot mantle for this burgh.

5 *November* 1660.

The counsell appoints the thesaurer to delyver up to Captain Hales, governour of the castell, the whole old daillis and trees that he was ordeaned to take downe of the mayn gaird.

Timber of the mayn gaird, governour of the castell.

24 *November* 1660.

The baillies and councill nominats Duncan Nairne, present proveist, to be their commissioner for the next ensueing parliament, appointed by his Majestie to be holdin at Edinburgh the 12 of December next, and ordains the thesaurer to pay his charges.

Duncan Nairn, commissioner to the parliament.

The said proveist, baillies and councill, gives hereby power and commission to (*blank*) Lowrie, at Drip coble, to collect and receave the custome of all bestiall and other goods passing at the Drip coble, or any other foord of Forth neir thereto, who is to be comptable for intromission monethlie to John Thomson and George Wright, tacksmen of the customes of our bridge.

Customs of the Drip.

17 *December* 1660.

The magistrats and councill being conveened have nominat and appointed John M'Nair, baillie, the deane of gild, conveener Andrew Russell, and the

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clerk, to seeke out the towns old and new chartouris that they may be taken eist to Edinburgh be the proveist, for instructing the towns prerogative and antiquitie before the burgh of Glasgow, which is intended by the said burgh (as is informed) to be questioned in the ryding of the next ensueing parliament; and the saids persons are likewayes ordered to bunch the haill papers in order that are in the chartour hous and boill.

22 *December* 1660.

Anent the burgh of Glasgow.

The councill, being enformed that the burgh of Glasgow, and the commissioner sent therefra to serve in the next parliament, intends to have the place of this burgh and the commissioner sent from hence in ryding the said parliament, and that much moyan and means are useing for that effect, therefore the councill recommends to the present proveist their commissioner to advert by all means against the usurpation of the said place be the said burgh of Glasgow and their said commissioner; and appoints Robert Burn and Robert Russell, baillies, James Stevinsone, deane of gild, Thomas Downie, conveener, and Robert Kidstone, deacone of the baxters, to ryde eist to Edinburgh upon Saturnday next and concurr and be assisting with the said proveist in manteaning this burghis ancient priviledge; and the thesaurer to pay their charges.

Burgessis to bring armes at their admission.

The councill statuts and ordanis that from hence furth there salbe noe burgessis, neighbouris, nor gild brether admitted be the councill, except they bring with them a stand of arms as use was of old and be readie to make faith that they doe reallie perteane to themselves.

14 *January* 1661.

Charges of printing the ministers sermon.

Ordains James Russell, thesaurer, to satisfie to maister Mathias Simsone, minister of this burgh, the soume of fyftie two pounds Scotts for the charges bestowed be him in the printing of his sermon which he preached upon the thanksgiveing day keept here for the Kings Majesties happie restauration.

23 *March* 1661.

Commission anent maister Harie Guthrie, minister.

Being conveened and takeing to their serious consideration the blessed and happy estate of this burgh enjoyed under the dispensation of the precious ordinances of God by maister Hary Guthrie, their minister, all the time he served the cure here, whose paines and labour being accompanied by the blessing of God, increase of knowledge in the ignorant, reciprocall love between

him and his flock, and union and peace in the whole incorporation, did mightilie appeare as blessed fruits of his ministrie; and being confident that through the Lords blessing the like good effect may be expected as yet of his said ministrie if he should return and be re-established in the same charge, and for that effect having upon the 18th instant impowered Duncan Nairn, present proveist, to speake to the said maister Harie thairannent, and having this day receavit his report that he could not meet with him at Edinburgh to doe the same, therefore the magistrats and counsell have of new nominat and appointed Robert Stevinsone, late proveist, and Robert Russell, baillie, to ryde to Kilspindie on Munday next to the said maister Harie, and in their name to acquaint him of the earnest desire that they unanimouslie have to injoy him againe for thair minister, and earnestlie to perswad him to a condiscention, and to assure him that upon his willingnes to condiscend to return and imbrace his former charge the counsell sall with all possible and convenient speed goe about and make use of the ordinarie means to effectuat his re-establishment.

Commission anent maister Harie Guthrie, minister.

9 *April* 1661.

The councill hes receavit a lettre from maister Harie Guthrie shewing that, in regaird of his weaknes of bodie to doe service in the ministrie at this burgh, therefore he is forced to decline the councillis invitatione.

Maister Harie Guthries ansuer.

13 *April* 1661.

The proveist, baillies and councill, have written an letter to maister Harie Guthrie earnestlie againe inviteing him to returne to his former charge of the ministrie here, and appoints Robert Russell and James Stevinsone to ryde to him to Kilspindie on Munday next with the said letter and bring his possitive ansuer thairunto.

Other commissioneris sent to maister Harie with a lettre.

18 *April* 1661.

Robert Russell and James Stevinsone maid report that, notwithstanding of all the perswasions they could use with Mr. Harie Guthrie in fortificatioune of the councillis letter, yet he does absolutlie refuise to returne to the ministrie here in respect of his infirmitie and weaknes of bodie, which he desired them to signifie to the councill as his possitive ansuer, that soe they may not delay time in seekeing an other.

Report of the preceiding commission.

The councill appoints the present masters of Cowans Hospitall, with all expedition, to caus level the yaird of the said hospitall and make a walking

Anent the levelling the over hospitall yaird, &c.

Anent the levelling, etc.

green thereof and plant it about with plain trees and the like, and to pavement the closse and out walke with hewin stones.

Ministeris gleib to be sett.

The counsell appoints George Lapslie, merchand, and Andrew Thomson, flesheour, to sett the ministers gleib for this yeare to the best availe, that the duetie thairof may be furthcumand to the minister that sall succeed thairto.

6 *May* 1661.

Proclamatioune against pastureing of cattell on other mens ground.

The councill appoints a proclamatioune to be published throw this burgh, by tuck of drumm, dischargeing all persons within the same that hes any horses or kye, or other bestiall, to put them furth to pasture on other mens ground or on the towns milne dammes, but that they be keept be a heard upon thair owine bownds, and in case they have noe out pasture of thair owine that they keepe them within their houses; certifieing such as sall transgrese they salbe fyned in an unlaw of ten pounds for the towns use and the price of the skaith to the persons damnified.

27 *May* 1661.

Annent maister Matthias Simpsons presentatioune.

The councill haveing receavit a lettre from Duncan Nairne, proveist, sent out of Edinburgh, shewing that his Majesties commissioner is displeased that the towne hes not as yett desired a presentatioune for maister Matthias Simpson, minister here, to be minister in the place of maister Harie Guthrie which now vaikes, and thairfore desireing the councill to meett and send eist one of thair number to him with the councillis resolution thairin; in order quhairunto the counsell hes thought fitt that a lettre be drawin and subscrivit be the magistrats, deane of gild, and conveener, present, to the proveist showeing that its their desire that maister Matthias may forbeare to accept of a presentatioun to the foresaid place till there be an able collegue called, but incase he will not forbeare that he may accept thairof and the counsell will give all respect thairunto, and they appoint Robert Burn, baillie, to goe eist with the said letter.

30 *May* 1661.

Consent to maister Matthias Simpsons presentatioune.

The councill haveing receavit other two lettres from Duncan Nairne, proveist, concerning Matthias Simpsone, writtin from Edinburgh on the 28th instant, showing that the Kings Majesties commissioner hes desired a possitive ansuer to be given him betwixt and Sunday next whither or not the towne

will assent to the said maister Matthias his presentation; whereupon the councill called for the said maister Matthias and shewed him that seing the said matter could not admitt of furder delay they were content that he should accept of the said presentatioune whenever he pleased, and for that end desired him ather to goe or send for it, with the which he was weel satisfied and told the counsell that he would write the lord commissioner thairanent.

Consent to maister Matthias Simpsons presentatioune.

27 *July* 1661.

The haill members of the councill who were present, viz., . . . and James Norie, clerk, tooke the oath of alleadgeance prescryved be the parliament, being administred to them by Duncan Nairne, proveist, who had taken the same himself before in parliament.

The oath of alleadgeance administred to the members of councill present.

10 *August* 1661.

The councill has unanimouslie consented that maister Matthias Symson, their minister, goe presentlie to London for performing of some weightie and urgent affaires and busines of his owin that he hes there to doe, provyding he supply his place in preaching every Sabboth by ministers till his returne, which he hes undertaken to doe.

Councill consent with their ministers goeing for London.

28 *September* 1661.

Robert Stevinsone, present proveist, protested that he may be frie of all hazard that may ensue upon the electing and choysing of him proveist at this tyme in place of Duncan Nairne, lait proveist, and for all coast, skaith, and expences that he may susteane thair throw, and thairupon asked and tooke instrumentis.

Protestatioun Robert Stevinsone, proveist.

2 *November* 1661.

The counsell ordeanes the calsey meale dew for the haill timber worke and piggs, and such lyke, brought to the weeklie mercat of this burgh, to be in all tyme comeing rouped and sett with the fish shambles yearlie.

Calseymeallis to be rouped yearlie.

9 *December* 1661.

The councill appoynts the present magistrats, the deane of gild, Andrew Russell, Robert Kidston, and Andrew Thomson, flesheour, to setle with Captane Wardsley annent what bedding and other necessaris are needful to be furnished be the towne for the use of his company that is shortlie to remove out of the towne to the castle, and whatever engadgement salbe given be the

Act annent the bedding etc. furnished to the castle.

Act, etc.

magistrats thairannent the counsell obleidges them be thir presentis to releve them of the same.

15 *January* 1662.

Maister James Edmonstones dimissione.

Robert Stevinsone, proveist, signified to the councill that maister James Edmonstone, present schoolmaister of the grammer schoole of the said burgh, being desireous to speake with him, did upon Saturnday last send for him and shewed him that, in regaird of his infirmitie and age, he is not able to undergoe his charge of serveing the cure of the said schoole any longer, and therefore declaired to the proveist that he did dimitt the same and desired that his dimission might be accepted of be the councill and that they would speedilie goe about the provyding of the said schoole with an able schoolmaister; which dimission the councill hes accepted, [and remitted to the provost and others to secure a successor.]

22 *February* 1662.

Admission, schoolemaster of the grammer schoole.

Conduces and aggries with maister Thomas Ronnald, present schoolmaster of the grammer schoole of Linlithgow, to serve the cure of the grammer schoole of this burgh as principall master thairof, for the space of nyne yeares next and immeditalie following his entrie thairto; which charge the said maister Thomas be thir presentis accepts in and upon him, and binds and obleisses him to teach and instruct the whole youthes of this burgh, and others who sallhappen to frequent the said schoole and be presented thairto, in all the pairts of grammer and authouris usuall to be taught in uther grammer schooles of this kingdome, and sall give and imploy himself whollie to the teaching of the said schoole, and sall not withdraw himself thairfra dureing the said space of nyne yeares without licence of the magistratis and councill specialie sought and obteanit; lykeas the said maister Thomas salbe obleist and astricted, be thir presentis, not to leave the cure of the said grammer schoole for the space of twa yeares after the expyreing of the said nyne yeares except he give lawchfull warning [half a year previously. The council to pay him 400 merks yearly;] and it salbe be lawchfull for the said maister Thomas to take for ilk townes bairne in schooleage, each quarter of the yeare, six shilling eight pennyes Scotts money, and from gentlemen or outtin towne bairnes according to the discretione of the givers and as he and they sall aggrie.

23 *June* 1662.

Annent the staple port to be removed to Rotterdam.

Appoynts the proveist and baillies to write a lettre to the old proveist,

who presentlie attends the parliament at Edinburgh as commissioner from this burgh, declareing the counsellis satisfaction not onelie with the removeall of the staple port from Camphire to Rotterdame, but also that the conservatour be active in it.

Annent the staple port to be removed to Rotterdam.

12 *July* 1662.

Robert Russell, baillie, maid report that he had gone with maister Matthias Sympson to the Bishop of Edinburgh and demanded his possitive ansuer annent maister Andrew Barclay [minister at Lecrope] who declared to them that according to the informatioun which he had gotten of him he thought him not fitt for this place and thairfore would not admitt of him, which is to be signified to the said maister Andrew be the said Robert Russell soe soon as occasion offereth.

Report annent a minister.

18 *August* 1662.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, takeing to their consideratione the great abuse committed be many of the weavers and uthers within the same in makeing of playds, who not onelie buyeth insufficient worsett, such as Peebles worsett and the like, and litts the same with naughtie cullouris, but alsoe many of them maketh it their trade to goe throw the towne and litt plaid yairn to other people; and als considering the shortnes and narrownes of the playds made within the said burgh, and exhorbitancie of the pryces exacted by the common litstars within the same, all which hes rendered the playd trade of this burgh (which formerly was the livelyhood of many honest families) altogither unprofitable; for preventing of which abuses in tyme comeing, and for better encouragement of the foresaid trade, the said proveist, baillies and counsell, statuts and ordeans that the whole playds to be made within the said burgh and territorie thairof in all tyme hereafter be of good and sufficient yairne, and the rid, blue, and yellow cullouris thairof to be litted by the common litstars of the said burgh and by none els, and ilk pair playds to be tuelve elns of lenth and thrie quarters of an elne in breidth at least, and that everie web thairof be alike good in both ends, and if there be a web consisting of more lenth then one pair, ilk weaver is to leave the bounds of a large inch at the end of ilk pair unwafted that the foresaid lenth may be the better observed; and farder, the saids proveist, baillies and councill, ordeans the haill weavers within the said burgh and territorie thairof to give readdie and thankful service to the playd makers thairin and worke

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thair playds sufficientlie, and discharges them and every ane of them from buying any insufficient worsett, such as Peebles worset or the like, to be wrought in playds to themselves or others, and from litting any plaid yairn, and from worping and working any that shall not be of the lenth and breidth abone writtin. And als the saids proveist, baillies and counsell, ordeans the haill common litstars within the said burgh and territories thairof to give readdie and thankfull service to the said playd makers as they salbe imployed, and to litt thair said yairn in sufficient red, blue, and yellow cullouris, and not to excede the soume of fyve shilling Scotts money for litting ilk pound thairof ouer head. Quhilk act abone writtin the saids proveist, baillies and counsell, ordeans to be strictlie observed and obeyed in the hail heads thairof, under the paine of fyve pounds Scotts money to be payed by ilk person contraveening the same to the towns thesaurer for the towns use; and these presentis to be published throw the towne by tuck of drum that none may pretend ignorance thairof.

8 *September* 1662.

Act for provyding armes.

The proveist, baillies and councill, considering the necessitie of haveing the towne sufficientlie furnished with armes, as was usuall of old, have thairfore statute and ordained be thir presentis that the whole neighbouris and inhabitantis within the same provyde sufficient armes betwixt and Candlemes nixt, under the pain of twentie pounds ilk person, unforgiven.

20 *November* 1662.

William Meiklejohns place declared vaccand.

Being conveened and takeing to thair consideratione the innabilitie of William Meiklejohn, throw sicknes of bodie and dimnes of sight, to discharge the cure of reading and precenting at this kirk, have therefore thought fitt to declare, lykeas by thir presentis they declare the said cure vacant since Mertimes last, and that they have power and intendes (God willing) to call an other thereto in place of the said Williame with all possible diligence, and they appoynt an of the baillies, the dean of gild, and conveener, to go to the said Williame and signifie the same unto him and to desire him to fill upe his registres and make them readdie to be delyvered upe with the haill papers belonging to the sessione whensoever he salbe requyred.

Lettre to the Earle of Callander.

Appoynts James Norie, their clerke, to write a lettre in their name to the Earle of Callander showing his lordship that the whole members of this

councill (except one privat counseller who hes not yet accepted) have subscryvit the declaratione of the parliament annent the two late covenantis. Lettre to the Earle of Callander.

22 *November* 1662.

The forenamed persons appoynted to goe to William Meiklejohn maid report that they had done as was appoynted them, and that the said Williame was satisfied with the counsellis pleasour thairannent. Report annent William Meiklejohn.

The counsell hes conduced and aggried with maister Alexander Murray, late precentor at St. Ninians, that dureing the councillis pleasour he sall serve the towne in the offices of a readder in the kirk, clerk of the session thairof, teacher of the musike, and uptaker of the psalmes; [which offices he accepted and the council agreed to pay him a salary of £80 per annum;] with power to him, during the counsellis will allenarlie, to take schollage of towns bairns for teaching them in the musike at his owne discretion, and to take of outtentownes bairns as he and thair parentis can aggrie; and allowes to him for every mariage twenty foure shilling Scottis, and for everie baptisme ten shilling, and the ordinare comoditie of the registres and of the clerkship of the kirk. Admission, Maister Alexander Murray, precentor, etc.

17 *December* 1662.

Report was made be Robert Stevenson, proveist, that he and maister Matthias Symsone, minister, conforme to the preceeding commissione, went to Quarrell, and not finding maister Andrew Kynnier there, they went the lenth of Falkirk where they mett with him; and having communicated to him the counsellis desire whither or not he would accept of a presentatione to the vacand ministrie at this burgh, his ansuer was that he thanked them for their respects to him in that particulare, but as for a possitive ansuer he could not then give one till he saw the presentatione, and soe soone as he should see it they might expect such a respective ansuer as became him to give to soe eminent a burgh; upon the which report the magistratis and councill hes purposed and resolved to call the said maister Andrew to the foresaid vacand ministrie, and that a presentatione may be drawne, subscryvit, and delyverit to him, they appoynt this their purpose and resolution to be signified to the members of the gildrie and trades and remanent incorporations, be the deane of gild to his brethreen, the deacone conveener and remanent deacones of crafts to their brethreen, and be the representatives of the rest of the incorpor- Report of commission annent a minister.

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ationes to their brethren, and to make report thairof the next counsell day.

10 *January* 1663.

Report annent Maister Andrew Kynnier.

Robert Stevinsone, [and others,] made report that maister Andrew Kynnier had accepted of the counsellis presentatione, and that the Bishop of Edinburgh was weill satisfied thairwith and hes given them an edict to be served at the kirk the next Sabboath, and upon the returne thairof hes promised collatione, and that maister Andrew hes engadged himself, God willing, to come here and preach upon Sunday cum a fourteen dayes, the 25 of this instant.

23 *May* 1663.

Annent peeres at the Shiphaugh.

The masters of Cowanes Hospitall are ordeaned to repair the peeres at the Shiphaugh, and to build twa or three new peers more, and to repair the gavill of William Andersones barn in the Shiphaugh that is fallin down.

Annent the knock bell.

Alexander Allane, thesaurer, is appoynted to take downe the knock bell that was riven in anno 1660 and send her to Holland to be casten of new and to enlarge her one hundred weight more then shee now is, and to put upe the counsell bell in her stead till she be brought home.

15 *June* 1663.

A fourteen dayes vaccance granted to the scholleris of the grammer schoole.

A supplicatione, written in latine, was presented from the schollers of the grammer schoole craveing the vaccance for such tyme as the councill should think fitt, which being considered be the councill they for the encouragement of the saids schollers, and according to the ancient custome of this burgh, have impowered the proveist and baillies to goe presentlie to the schoole and grant the supplicantis fourteen dayes vaccance.

17 *August* 1663.

Annent the ryding of the fair.

The councill appoynts the next ensueing fair on the 8th of September to be ridden in the old maner, all with launces, except the twa baillies, dean of gild, and conveener; and ordeanes the dean of gild to caus make a new standart, according to the pattern of the old one, upon the charges of the gildrie.

Thesaurer to send for 20 halbertis.

The thesaurer is appoynted to send to Holland for twentie new halbertis for the townes use.

10 *September* 1663.

The thesaurers report annent the recept of the Kings money.

Alexander Allane, thesaurer, made report to the magistratis and councill that he hes receavit in their name, and for their use and behove, from Robert Russell, collectour of the twa moneths mantinance appoynted for the Kings majestie, conforme to a precept drawne upon him be the Lord Bellenden, thesaurer depute, the sowme of twa thowsand and five hundred merks Scotts in full contentatione and satisfaction of the twa thowsand foure hundred pounds of principall and haill bygane annualrentis thairof conteaned in the band granted be the commissioneris of his Majesties thesaurie in anno 1651.

21 *September* 1663.

Comission annent the bridge of Tullibodie.

Annent a lettre sent to the magistratis and councill from Duncan Nairne, commissioner at parliament for this burgh, showing that the laird of Clakmanan, and uthers, hes gotten an act of parliament for a collection to be gathered throw severall presbetries for reparation of the bridge of Tullibodie, which act cannot be gotten extracted till first cautione be found be the said laird and the rest of the supplicantis for reparatione and uphalding of the said bridge, and that the laird had spoken to him desireing him to be caution for him for that effect, and therefore craveing the councillis advys and an act for his relieff in case they advyse him thairto; which being considered be the saids magistrats and councill, they judge it fitt and neidfull that the said Duncan Nairne engadge cautioner, and thairfore does hereby impower him to be cautioner in thair name for the said laird and the rest that they sall repaire and uphald the said bridge dureing the tyme that the custome which is granted be the said act sall last; and they obleidge themselves for the said Duncans relieff, provyded that the said laird and the rest of those gentlemen accept of the magistratis and councill in joynt pairtners with them for collecting the said contributione throw the presbetries and depursing the same on the reparatione of the bridge; and if the controbution be not sufficient to finish the reparatione of the bridge, that these gentlemen advance one half of what salbe laikeing and the saids magistratis and councill an other half, and that they uphald the said bridge after it is repaired equallie, and that the custome be collected and distributed also equallie; and this they ordeane to be communicated to the said Duncane Nairn by James Noire, town clerke, whome they ordeane to ryd to Edinburgh the morrow to him and doe the same.

9 *November* 1663.

The fishing of the watter not to be rouped this yeare.

The magistratis and councill have unanimouslie aggried and concluded, for the good of the common good of this burgh, that the fishing of the watter of Forth be not rouped at Mertimes next with the rest of the setts of the townes common good, but that the same remayn in the thesaurers hand to be sett be him to the fisheris with consent of the magistratis at the best availl.

Townes chartour to be Englished.

The towns great chartour is given out to James Norie, clerke, to be transcrybed into Englishe, wha is to be satisfied for his paines when the same is finished.

19 *December* 1663.

Annent vesselis and goodis comeing from Holland.

The magistratis and councill, being informed of an ordour emitted by the lords of his Majesties privie councill, ordeaning that any vessell comeing from Holland with goods sall ly in the road thrie weekis, and afterward to be livered and touched by the owners thairof and put into a sellare, and the goods and the owneris of the same to be keept in a convenient place for six weekis thairafter, in respect of the pestilence presentlie rageing in Holland; and the saids magistratis and councill considering the great hazard and danger that may follow upon their not adverting to a strict obedience of the said order, have thairfore appoynted a lettre to be writtin to the office at Borrowstownes desireing the collectouris there that whatever goods comeing from Holland to that road or harbour may not be suffered to come to this towne till they abyde a tryall there, as is appoynted be the act of the said privie councill, and that those goods latelie imported be Christopher Russell which are yet unlivered be keept in the ship, or put ashore at Borrowstownnes and put upe in some convenient place there till the foresaid tyme expyre; and that for better observance of the said ordour there is another lettre to be writtin to the clerke of the privie councill for the extract of the same.

11 *July* 1664.

Voluntare controbution for Brunt iland.

Upon the supplication given in be the towne of Bruntiland, the magistratis and councill ordeans a voluntare controbution to be collected at the kirk door for reparatione of the harbourie of the said burgh of Burntiland, which collection is to be on Sunday cum a fourtnight, and the magistratis who are to be at the session, Tuisday next, are to desire the minister to intimat the same the next Lordis day.

The councill considering the sicknes and povertie of John Buchannan, towne pyper, they ordeane the thesaurer to give him twelve pounds Scottis for his present supplie. Thesaurer to give pyper 12 li.

The councill takeing to consideratione the supplicatione given in be James Morison, travellour, desireing some supplie, and in respect he is in great povertie and necessitie and hes noe imployment to purchas a livelihood to himself and numerous familie, therefore they ordeane the thesaurer to give him threttie six pounds Scottis to buy a horse, ather for hyreing or carriage as utheris in towne hes. Thesaurer to give James Morison xxxvj lib.

23 *July* 1664.

Robert Stevinsone, proveist, signified to the councill that maister Williame Blackburne, chamberlane of Campbell for the Earle of Argyll, had been at him showing that he was ordeaned by my lord his maister to desire the magistratis to remove that partition of deallis and trees which the maisteris of the nether hospitall had removed and put upe neirer to the corner of my lords new lodgeing then was of old, and becaus the proveist could not doe any thing thairin without acquainting of the councill, wha haveing now seriouslie considered the same, and that the said partition was removed at the said maister Williames desire for the saiftie of my lords lodgeing and for noe uther end, they appoynt the proveist, one or twa of the baillies, deane of gild, conveener, and the masteris, to meet with maister Williame and desire him to acquaint my lord his maister that the partition salbe removed and put upe as it was formerlie soe soon as his lordship comes to towne, and that it may be forborn till then that the magistratis may speake with his lordship thairannent, and if my lord will have it removed the maisteris are ordeaned to doe the same as it was of old. Partition be twixt Argyllis lodgeing and the hospitall.

25 *July* 1664.

The magistratis and councill being informed that there is a presentation given to maister Matthias Symson, their present minister, to be minister at the kirk of Newmilnes, and that in ordour to his transportation there is an edict servit at the said kirk allreaddie, and that his collation and institution is presentlie to be given him, and it being altogither against the desire of the saids magistratis and councill that he should remove from this place, but that in dewtie all possible meanes should be assayed to gett him continowed, therefore they doe hereby nominat and appoynt Robert Stevinson, proveist, James Comission to the bishops annent maister Matthias Symson.

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Russell, baillie, and James Norie, towne clerke, to ryde to Edinburgh once this weeke, and deall with the twa archbishopes and bishop of Edinburgh, or any of them haveing power to lowse and transport the said maister Matthias, that they may be entreated to continow him in the ministrie at this burgh and forbeare the transportatione of him to any uther place, becaus it is the earnest requeist and desire of the councill that he should continow thair minister, and his transportatione will prove very sad to this burgh.

6 *August* 1664.

Report of those nominat to meet with the bishopes.

The persons nominat be the councill the foresaid 25th of July last . . . made report that the said maister Matthias and they went togither to the archbishop of Glasgow, who hes the onelie power of transporting the said master Matthias, and communicated to his grace the desire of the councill that their minister might continow with them, who at the first granted the same and declared that albeit he might have been very useful to his lordship, yet for the respect he hes to soe eminent a burght as Sterling he would not transport thairfrome.

Report of those commissionat to Earle of Argyll.

The saids persones made report that they had spoken with the Earle of Argyll and informed his lordship of the trewth anent the removall of the partition out of its old place; and annent the yaird contraverted, his lordship and they hes aggried that maister George Norvell cognosce upon both parties rightis and determine the difference.

7 *September* 1664.

Earle of Callanders lettre annent the shirreff gloves.

The magistrats and councill haveing receaved a lettre from the Earle of Callander, craveing that the towne may give him a staig at this fair which he alledges was wont to be given to the shirreff of the shire for that which was called the shirreff gloves, yearlie, at the said fair; and the councill haveing considered the said lettre, and thairupon searched their registres, and spoken with the oldest men in towne who hes born charge for informatione whither their predicessoris was in use to give a staig yearly to the shirreff for his shirreff gloves or not, and finding by the informatioun they have gotten that there was never such a custome, therefore they appoynt the magistratis, deane of gild, and conveener, to write an ansuer to the said earle his lettre showing that the towne was never in use to pay that which is demanded and they

hope his lordship will not make a novation but keep mutuall concord and correspondence, as was wont to be betwixt the shirreff and the town. Earle of Callender, etc.

The magistratis and councill, out of the love and respect which they caried to umquhile maister Andrew Kynnier, their latelie deceast minister, and which they beare to his relict and fyve young children, have concluded to give her the next Mertimes stipend, and appoynts the same to be advanced and payed to her soe soon as the magistratis sall think and give order to the thesaurer for that effect, and at the said terme of Mertimes next preceislie it is to be collected from the severall incorporations and repayed to the said thesaurer. Maister Andrew Kynniers relict.

1 *October* 1664.

The magistratis and councill grantis libertie to John Ferguson, wright, and maker of tubacco pyps in Shillbrae, to come and reside in this burgh with his familie and exercise his calling of wright craft and makeing tubacco pypes and cards, for an yeare to come and langer whill he be discharged be the magistratis and councill. Licence for John Ferguson, tubacco pyps.

5 *November* 1664.

The councill remittis it to the baillies to caus the whole neighbouris and inhabitantis of the burgh within their respective quarteris provyde themselves with armes with all conveniencie. Act annent armes.

5 *December* 1664.

The magistratis and councill, considering that the vaccancie of the ministrie at this kirk is now fallen in our Soverane lordis hands as patron thairof, through the deceas of umquhile maister Matthias Symsone, last minister there, and that his grace the archbishop of St. Androis hes now the power of presentatione thairto from his Majestie, have thought fitt to write to his grace a lettre acquainting him with the death of the said maister Matthias and to desire that he may not present any to the said charge without their consent. Commission to the archbishop of St. Androis with a lettre.

The magistratis and councill have discharged and hereby discharges and prohibittis the Raploch coble to be fished within the bounds of the Winshellis untill the Earle of Marrs chartour be seen whither or not it bears right to fish there. Raploch coble discharged to fishe in the winschellis.

30 *January* 1665.

The deacon of the fleshouris is appoynted to make choys of a sufficient Anent the breakeing of the flesh.

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honest man of their owin number to breake the flesh in the Bakraw, and to keep a clean stock for breakeing the same.

11 *February* 1665.

Comission annent Mr. James Forsith.

The proveist, baillies and councill, being desired be his grace the lord archbishop of St. Andrews to pitch upon an able and weel qualified minister to succeed in place of the deceast maister Matthias Symson, and haveing had their serious thoughtis thairon, and craved Gods direction thairintill, have now at last pitched upon Mr. James Forsyth, minister at Airth, as a person sufficientlie qualified to undergoe that charge, and hes aggried and condiscended that he be recommended to the archbishop of St. Andrews for a presentation thairto.

23 *February* 1665.

Hors race.

Appoyntis the horse race of this burgh to be ridden, and recommendis to the magistratis to caus make a silver cup like that which was the last year.

13 *March* 1665.

Raploch coble.

The councill, at the desire of the Earle of Mar be his lettre, grantis libertie for the said earle his coble in the Raploch to fish and draw on the Winshellis for this yeare.

Chirmerland coble.

Grantis libertie to the tennentis of Chirmerland to set their coble to quhom they please for this yeare.

Maister Archibald Finnie, latin doctour, given over.

The councill considering that maister Archibald Finnie, lattin doctour of the grammer schoole, is soe deseased with the kings evil in his foot that he is not able to attend upon his charge, therefore the thesaurer is appoynted to show him that the counsell resolves to seeke for an other against Whitsonday next, and desire him to provyde for himself in tyme.

Unfree traders in Downe and Dunblane.

The councill recommendis to the magistratis and dean of gild to write a lettre to the proveist of Perth annent those unfree persons in Downe and Dunblane who useth merchandizeing, that he may put the lawes to executioune against them that soe they may forbeare.

8 *May* 1665.

Comission anent the ministeris mans and plenneshing.

The councill nominatis the magistratis, dean of gild, conveener, the thesaurer, clerk, and kirk master, to receave from Margaret Elphingston, relict

of umquhile maister Matthias Symson, the keyes of the mans with the haill papers concerning the first ministers stipend, and to inventar the plenneshing and books thairin belonging to the towne, and delyver the same with the keyes to maister James Forsith upon subscryveing the inventare.

Comission anent the ministeris mans and plenneshing.

5 *June* 1665.

The councill recomendis it to the twa provests, twa of the baillies, dean of gild and convener, to advyse annent some how to get intelligence weeklie from Edinburgh of all publict newes dureing the tyme of the war with the King of the Dutch for information of the people.

Commission, weekly intelligence.

19 *June* 1665.

Duncan Nairn, provest, and utheris nominat to advyse the best way for getting intelligence weeklie of publict newes, made report that they had commissionated James Norie, clerke, to goe to Edinburgh and doe the same, who has settled with Robert Mean, postmaster, thairannent, for twa shilling sterling weeklie, as Glasgow and utheris burghs payes, and this weeke beginns the same; which was approvin.

Report of settleing for for publict intelligence weeklie.

The councill nominatis the provest and dean of gild to meet with such of the justices of peace of this shire and magistratis of the burgh of Glasgow as are appoynted to be at Carron foord to visite the place quhair a new bridge is to be built upon the said water in stead of the last new bridge built thairon, now demolished with the impetuousnes of the water, and to confer with them thairanent.

Comission anent a new bridge built upon Carron.

The councill considering the decay of the bridge of Tullibody and the necessitie of reparing the same, which is soe usefull for this burgh and cuntrie, doe commissionat Robert Stevinson, late provest, and James Russell, baillie, to ryde to the laird of Clakmannan, who purchast an act of parliament for repareing the same, and to desire him that he would doe some quhat towardis the reparatioune thairof conforme to the said act.

Comission anent the bridge of Tullibody.

25 *July* 1665.

The councill, considering the encrease of the plague in London and other places in England, and the danger this kingdome is in through the daylie commerce and trade betwixt the kingdomes, for the good and saifety of this burgh, under God, they recommend it to the magistratis to take care that noe

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goods, English nor Dutch, be permitted to come into the towne without good certificatis that the same are free of suspicion; and for that effect that they ordean the customeris of the bridge and borrowsyet to stop all such goods comeing in till the baillies be acquainted thairwith, and that they wait diligentlie thairon and close the yettis in dew tyme of night, and ordeans the proclamatioun against lodgeing of beggeris and vagabonds to be published throw the town by tuck of drum.

12 *August* 1665.

Act for a daylie watch at the portis.

The counsell, finding that the portis are not carefullie enough keept by the customers, recomendis to the magistratis to put a watche daylie thereto of honest neighbouris for keeping out suspected persons and goodis, and to set downe orders for them, and to begin on Munday next.

11 *September* 1665.

Aggriement betuixt the Earle Argyll and the hospitall.

Gilbert Robertson being appoynted be the magistratis as an of the maisteris of the nether hospitall to goe to Edinburgh and setle with maister George Norvell annent the difference betwixt the Earle of Argyll and the said hospitall, made report that all that my lord can be persuaded to give for Charles Alexanderis hous, adjudged be the hospitall, is onelie one thousand pounds payable in 4 years tyme, and bearing annualrent from Whitsonday last, for the which my lord is to give his owin band, and is to have a right fra the maisteris with the counsellis consent of the said hous and utheris landis conteanit in the adjudicatioune taken in my Lord Lorns name, which he hes caused draw at Edinburgh, and the hospitall is to get all the plennishing the maisteris made and put in the hous for the accomodatioune of the poore, and the said hous is to be red at the delyverie of the band; wherewith the counsell declares themselves satisfied and approves of the aggriement.

Bishop of Edinburgh and utheris burges and gild.

George, bishope of Edinburgh, George Barclay, his servant, and Colin May, servitour to Alexander Monro, commissar of Sterling, are admitted burgessis and gild gratis; and David Allan, servitour to the said bishop, is admitted burges and neighbour gratis; and ilk an of them maid faith as use is.

6 *November* 1665.

Maister Archibald Muschett refuised to be minister.

The provest and utheris nominat of before to receave maister Archibald Muschettis possitive ansuer, made report that he hes absolutlie refuised to be minister in place of umquhile maister Andrew Kynnier.

The magistratis and councill takeing to consideration the condition of Abigall Kinloch, relict of umquhile maister Andrew Kynnier, and her fyve young fatherles bairnes, and that nothing is yet done be the incorporations for collecting and paying their proportions of the quarters stipend appoynted to be given her by a former act of councill, have of new recomended to the conveener and deacons to pas fra their protestatioun and to deale with their crafts to condiscend to the grant of the said quarters stipend, and appoyntis the baillies to speake to the maltmen, mechanikis, and omnigatherum thairannent, and to report the next day.

Annent Widow Kynnier.

26 *March* 1666.

The councill nominatis Duncan Nairn, present provest, Robert Stevinsone, late provest, Robert Russell, baillie, and James Norie, clerke, to meet with Sir John Drummond of Burnbank, when and where he sall appoynt, and see what right he hes to fish with an nett in the towns water, and to report.

The twa provests, &c., to meet with Sir John Drummond.

25 *April* 1666.

The haill freemen of the baxter craft of the said burgh, being conveened in obedience to the citation given them, and being challenged and accused for makeing an act amongst themselves that non sall have libertie to bake wheat bread for service of the town and cuntrey but one at once, and exacting money from widowes of the said craft for a libertie to bake after their husbands deceas, the saidis haill freemen present declared there was no such act amongst them restraining any moe to bake than one at once, but onelie they have observed it as a custome among themselves for a like proffeit to all, that some of them may not have the whole imployment and the rest want; which being considered be the saids magistratis and councill they find the said custome not only hurtfull to themselves but also disgraceful to the towne, in soe far as therethrow there is not such sufficient bread baken to furnish the town and shire as ought to be, and as is baken in other burghs, whereof many complaintis is daylie made to the magistratis, and many of the inhabitantis and gentlemen of the shire are forced to send to Edinburgh for wheat bread to their houses; and therefore the saids magistratis and councill discharges the foresaid custome in all tyme comeing, and ordeans the haill freemen and widowes, every an of them, to bake at their pleasour as they may be imployed,

Baxters discharged of that custome which they had restraining all to bake at once.

Baxters, etc.

and to bake sufficient leven bread; and als discharges any money to be taken from widowes for a libertie to bake after their husbandis deceas, as they will be ansuerable on their perrill.

29 *May* 1666.

John Murray of Levylands, John Baptiste Quarantin, and utheris, burgessis and gild gratis.

The provest, baillies and councill, being conveened, receaves and admittis the persons following to the libertie and freedome of burgesses and gild brother of the said burgh, gratis, viz., John Murray of Levylands, John Baptiste Quarantin, Italian phisician, maister Thomas Cosbie, servant to the Kings majestie, John Hall, chyrurgion in Aplebie in the countie of Westmorland in England, John Hall, younger, his son, William Fowler, William Heartlie, William Robertson and Andrew Yos, servitouris to the said John Baptiste, and also admittis David Lachand, also his servitour, burges and neighbour gratis, and ilk an of the saidis persons made faith *more solito.*

21 *July* 1666.

John Straton chosen the towns post.

The magistratis and councill hes chosen John Straton to be thair common post for caricing and bringing thair intelligence from Edinburgh for a quarter of an yeare to come, and langer whill he be discharged be the councill, and for his sellarie he is to have fyfteen pound quarterlie to be payed him be the thesaurer.

24 *November* 1666.

The town to be put in a posture of defence.

The magistratis and counsell, considering the rebellion in the West is daylie encreasing, for saiftie of themselves and the burgh from supryseing, ordeans the whole town to be put in a posture of defence, and to be divyded in four quarteris, and ilk baillie to command his owin quarter and to nominat assistantis to them, and to goe throwgh thair quarter this day and requyre every fencible neighbour to have armes, and upon Twesday next to muster them that it may be knawn who wantis and who hes.

APPENDIX.

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I.—Abstracts of some of the Documents recorded in Fragments of Protocol Books.

1.—1470-1. Hugh Makfersane of Suanleye said that the lands of Auchintole, with the pertinents, were held *in capite* of the earl of Mar as lord superior, and not of the lord of Forbes; and thereon George lord le Forbes alleged that if it were so it would generate great prejudice to him and his heirs, and might disinherit him and them.

2.—8th January, 1470-1. A venerable man, Sir Thomas Bully, canon of the cathedral church of Glasgow, having consideration of the very many gifts, gratuities, and good deeds, done and to be done to him by a venerable man, Henry, by the permission of God, abbot of Dunfermlyn, gave and granted to master Duncan Bully, canon of Aberdeen, all his vessels and goods, utencils and domicils, for serving the said lord abbot and lodging and receiving him in his lodging within the burgh of Strivelin, on the north side of the High Street.

3.—4th February, 1470-1. In the eleventh year of the reign of the most illustrious King James the Third, King of Scots, in presence of the said most serene lord, the notary and witnesses, a provident man, Malcolm of Kynbuk, by his procurators, resigned and quitclaimed for ever for him and his heirs, by staff and baton, in the King's hands, all and sundry his lands of Estir Glassingal and Westir Glassingal lying in the earldom of Strathern and sheriffdom of Perth; which resignation being made, the King gave and bestowed the said lands to Alexander Broys, son of Alexander Broys of Stanhuis, according to the tenor of his charter to be made thereon by the King under his great Seal. Witnesses: William Murreff of Kyncardyn, John of Colquhone of that ilk, knights, James Schaw of Salchy, comptroller to the King, and others.

4.—9th November, 1475. John Patonsone, younger, bailie in that part, of a noble matron, Christine Cunyngaham, relict of the deceased William Murra of Tulchadam and baron of the barony of Buquhadrok, by reason of conjunct fee thereof, and lady superior of the lands of Chapeltoun of Buquhadrok, at command of the said Christine past to the said lands of Chapeltoun and principal messuage thereof and gave sasine of four merks of land of one bovate of the lands of Chapel-

toun of Buquhadrok, occupied at the date of these presents by Gilcrist Angusson (Angusii) to Thomas Narne, burgess of the burgh of Strivelin, and Maurice Drummond of Bordland, attorney, and in name of his daughter Jonet Drummond, spouse of the said Thomas, in conjunct fee.

5.—14th November, 1475. In presence of the notary and witnesses, compeared Duncan Aquhonam and Agnes Makcalpyn, daughter of Robert Makcalpyn of Camquhil, and were affianced together, *per verba de futuro*, according to the laws of the church, and for marriage to be contracted between them, giving their oaths on the holy Gospels that they had not formerly made any contract with any other persons, but that they might lawfully be joined in marriage. Done in the chamber of the notary the eighth hour before noon or thereby.

6.—15th November, 1475. Marriage was solemnized in face of the kirk between Duncan Aquhonam and Agnes Makcalpyn, by Sir Nicholas Franch, curate of the parish church of Strivelin, within the parish church of the Holy Rood of the burgh, the parties giving oath as above; whereupon an honorable man, William Stewart of Baldoran, and Malcolm M'Clery of Garten, gave their corporal oaths that the said Duncan was of lawful age to contract marriage with the foresaid Agnes M'Calpin. Done in the said church the fifth hour before noon or thereby.

7.—18th November, 1475. Compeared an honourable man, Duncan Makcawys, son and heir of the late Duncan Makcawis, and presented to the notary a charter of an honourable man, John Menzies of Weym, made to the said late Duncan and Marion, his spouse, his assignees and heirs under tailzie, of the five merk land of Blarekeregane and five merk land of Thomcroth, and five merk land of Ardequhylg in the barony of Weym and sheriffdom of Perth; and asked the same to be transumed.

8.—26th January, 1475-6. Before honourable men, James Crychtoun of Rowain and Alexander Speir of Pettincrefe, deputes in the office of great chamberlainry of a noble and potent lord, James earl of Buchan lord of Ochtirhous, warden of the west marches towards England, and great chamberlain of the kingdom of Scotland, sitting in judgment in the chamberlain eyre held by the said deputes at Strivelin, in the tolbooth thereof, personally compeared a noble matron, Agnes Menteith, spouse of an honourable man, John Haldane of Rusky, and presented two letters of obligation, sealed with the seals of the said Agnes and John, made by them to a noble and potent lord, Andrew lord Avandale, chancellor of Scotland, anent the gift and grant to be made by them to him of the quarter and fourth part of the earldom of Levenax and lands thereof, with the pertinents, for the whole lifetime of the said Andrew; which letters being read in a loud and intelligible voice, in the presence of the audience, the said Agnes Menteith, outwith the presence of her husband, touching the holy Gospels,

gave her bodily oath that she was not coacted or compelled to grant the said letters, but had done so freely and spontaneously, and for the weal of her and her heirs, and engaged never to revoke or contravene the same, under the pain of perjury, etc. Witnesses: Alexander Cunyngaham of Polmas, Andrew Galbrath of Culcruch, John Muir, bailie of the burgh of Strivelin, and others.

9.—23rd March, 1475-6. William Levingstoun, burgess of the burgh of Strivelin, granted and sold to Thomas Tailyefeir, burgess of the said burgh, and his assignees, all his goods, being in the lands of Kepan Davy, which he had in feufarm from William Strivelin of Kere, viz., sixteen cows, six oxen, seventy sheep, a horse price xx s., v chalders of oats sown in the lands, and half a chalder of barley, for the sum of xl li. iij s. and iiij d., good and legal money of Scotland, paid to him by the said Thomas in his urgent necessity.

10.—8th May, 1476. Sir Thomas Holbourne, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Fossochquhy, of Dunblane diocese, presented to the notary to be read and transumed a letter of assedation of the half of the lands of the west part of Thomcarne and ninth part of the east half of the said lands in the barony of Glasclune, made to the said Sir Thomas and Patrick Holbourne by David Hering of Glasclune and James Hering, his son and heir-apparent.

11.—10th May, 1476. David Drummond of Crannok presented to the notary a charter made by him to Robert Drummond, his son and apparent heir, of the lands of Erthbeg, to be copied aud transumed.

12.—15th May, 1476. David Drummond of Crannok gave sasine to Alexander Cunyngaham of Auchinbowy of the 42 s. land of Crannok, in the barony of Plane and shire of Strivelin, according to the tenor of the charter thereupon made.

13.—Alexander Cunyngaham of Auchinbowy, with his own hands, gave sasine to Mariota Cunyngaham, as his assignee, of the 42 s. lands of Crannok for her lifetime.

14.—Robert Drummond of Ermore protested that the sasine, or rather, as he asserted, the intrusion given that day by David Drummond, his father, of the 42 s. land of Crannok to the said Alexander and Mariota, his mother, should not prejudice him or his heirs.

15.—18th May, 1476. Malcolm Forester of Torwood compromitted his faith to a noble matron, Elizabeth Erth, to exchange with her, by way of excambion, the lands of Smithis quarter with the lands of Quylt quarter, and the said Elizabeth should enjoy the lands of Quylt quarter peaceably and freely. Witnesses: Friar John Brown, prior of the Friars Predicants of the burgh of Striveline, and others. Farther promising that the said Elizabeth should have the services of the tenants of

the lands of Durysal, Cragmad, and the 28 s. lands of Plane, and of the lands of Tulchhil and Smythis [quarter].

16.—16th May, 1476. Jonet Maxwale, spouse of Alexander Cunyngahame of Auchinbowy, outwith the presence of her husband, gave her oath that she gave her consent, for the weal of herself and her heirs, to her said spouse for leasing and letting to farm to William Burne and Margaret, his spouse, of their lands of Erthbeg for 19 years, and two-parts of the lands of Balcascale and Holhous for 10 years, declaring this to be done of her own free will, and ratified and confirmed the said leases, etc.; and because the said Jonet was with child, and could not go to the judge ecclesiastic, she admitted the notary for judge ecclesiastic, and gave her oath to him.

17.—22nd May, 1476. Sasine was given to the altar of St. Salvator and Sir Thomas Hyl, chaplain of the same, of 18 s. 8 d. from the tenement of the abbot of Cambuskenneth, till he should be lawfully relaxed for 20 halves [dimidiis] of gold, now extending to the value of 20 merks; and he appointed the provost and bailies and community of the said burgh patrons of the same.

18.—14th June, 1476. Elizabeth Erth of Plane, spouse of the deceased Thomas Summervale of Batlaw, passing personally to the lands of Tulchhil, in the sheriffdom of Strivelin, broke and annulled a pretended sasine, or, as she asserted, an intrusion, taken by William Summervale, her son, and Mariota Brous, his spouse, given to them by John Brous, pretended bailie in that part, of the lands of Tulchhil, Crannok, Smithis quarter, Quylt quarter, Law quarter, Cragmad, Durisale, Gart Cabyr, Garbrok, and Fordale, in the sheriffdom of Strivelin and Fyfe, by breaking of a dish, and made interruption by a schedule of paper delivered to the notary. Done on the ground of the lands of Tulchhil, in presence of Malcolm Forester of Torwood, David Forester, his son and apparent heir, and others.

19.—15th June, 1476. William Summervale, son and heir of the late Thomas Summervale of Batlaw, and Marion Brous, his spouse, passing to the principal messuage of the lands of Smithis quarter, Tarbrok, Gart Cabyr, and Durisale, pertaining, as they alleged, to them by reason of conjunct fee, broke the pretended sasine, or, as they asserted, rather intrusion, taken of the said lands by Malcolm Forester of Torwood, and given to him by Elizabeth Erth of Plane, their mother, by breaking of dishes and throwing them forth with earth and stone from the ground thereof; protesting that the said pretended sasine should not fall to their hurt or damage in time to come.

20.—27th June, 1476. Arthur Hamilton, procurator and in name of David Drummond of Crannok, past to the principal messuage of Erthbeg, pertaining to the said David by reason of the decease of the late Elizabeth Erth, the said David's

mother, and, by breaking of a dish, broke, cassed, and annulled a sasine, or, as he asserted, an intrusion, of the said lands, with the pertinents, taken by Robert Drummond, son and heir of the said David, and made interruption, etc., in presence of Alexander Forester of Erthbeg and others.

21.—Robert Drummond of Ermore protested that the said pretended breaking of sasine by the said Arthur should not have any lawful power on the said lands of Erthbeg, because the said David was not in possession of the same, but he, the said Robert, had been lawfully seised in the same by the bailie of the said David, lawfully constituted to that effect; and that the same should not prejudice him or his heirs in time to come.

22.—18th July, 1476. In presence of the notary and witnesses, Nycholas Franch, curate of the parish church of Strivelin, sundry times, with a loud voice, inquired of Alexander Cosour, burgess of the burgh, lying on sick-bed *in extremis*, his eyes shut, if he were obliged in any debts of sums of money or goods to Robert Colly or Alexander Legat, for contracts of marriage between them and his daughters; who responded in a low voice (bassa voce): No. Present: Sir Robert Aldcorne, chaplain, John Aldcorne, Robert Cosour, and Dugal Cosour.

The same day, the said Alexander Cosour appointed John Cosour tutor testamentar to William Cosour, his grandson [nepoti].

23.—4th August, 1476. Sir William Ingleram, chaplain, presented letters of collation of John, bishop of Dunblane, under his round seal, etc., directed to Mr. John Drummond, dean of the cathedral church of Dunblane, which, being received by the said dean with due reverence, he past to the choir and chapterhouse of the said cathedral church, with the said William and witnesses, and assigned the said William to a stall in the choir and place in the chapterhouse called the canonry and prebend of Cummery, and gave him real and corporal possession of the said canonry and prebend.

24.—13th August, 1476. In presence of the notary and witnesses, in a court of justice held on the ground of Daldres in the sheriffdom of Strivelin, by Herbert Murray, justiciar of the King in that part, for certain meiths to be put and perambulated between the said lands and certain other lands of the King, personally compeared John Ros of Grenane, commissioner of the King, and, on behalf of the King, inhibited all lords, barons, vassals, sub-vassals, tenants, and free tenants, within the said sheiffdom, from usurping or making purpresture on any property or commonty on any lands pertaining to the King within the said shire, under pain of law. Present: Thomas lord le Erskine, James Schaw of Sawchy, William Menteth of West Kers, and others.

25.—26th August, 1476. Before John Fresare, official of Dunblane, within the cathedral church of the same, sitting in judgment in the usual consistorial place, compeared John Stewart lord Dernly, on the one part, and John Haldane of Rusky, in name and behalf of Agnes Menteth, his spouse, on the other part, which John lord Dernly presented certain citatorial letters against the said Agnes in a cause of bastardy, who being thrice called and not compearing, John Haldane, her spouse, craved to be admitted in the cause, the other party excepting that it was a personal cause, and therefore she should compear personally, etc.; the judge, with counsel of his assessors, admitted the said John Haldane as pledge procurator for the said Agnes, his spouse, who bound himself to stand in law for her under caution of 1000 merks. Present: Vmfrid Cunyngaham of Glengernok, Mr. Martin Wan, chancellor of the cathedral church of Glasgow, William Elphinstoun, official of the same, John Drummond, dean of Dunblane; Patrick Sandelandis, rector of Calder; and others.

26.—16th October, 1476. William Scheves, archdeacon of St. Andrews and vicar-general of the see by authority of Apostolic letters directed to him thereupon, dispensed with Gilbert Home for defect of birth to possess a benefice with cure. Done in the royal chamber, within the castle of Strivelin. Present: James Schaw of Salchy, William Edmonstone of Duntreth, and others.

27.—17th October, 1476. John Crag, then one of the bailies of the burgh of Strivelin, by exhibition of a penny as the use of burghs is, gave sasine to Sir John Kokburn of Dalgynch, knight, as son and heir of Sir John Kokburn, his father, of the half of a pound of pepper from the tenement of John Colquhone of Lus, knight, on the north side of the High Street, and of half a pound of pepper from the tenement of John Kyrkoud, and 13 s. 4 d. annual rent from the tenement of the late Alexander Cosour, in presence of Adam Bully, then provost of the burgh, and others.

28.—23rd October, 1476. Malize earl of Menteth, sound in mind and body, out of natural affection, and considering the manifold services and most tender good deeds done to him in youth and age by his dearest spouse, Lady Jonet countess of Menteith, in the realms of England and Scotland, gave and bestowed to her for her lifetime a silver-gilt horn gilded on the surface with gold, a dish called *le Masar*, a silver cup, a missal book, with other things suitable for celebrating mass; nine silver spoons and a silver salt-fat, gilt on the top, having a beryl stone (*lapidem birraneum*) set in the middle, acquired by his own conquest and industry, from him and his heirs to the said Lady Jonet, and that by placing a gold ring on her finger. Done in the chamber of the said earl, in the isle of Inchtolloch, the second hour after noon.

The same day, the said earl bestowed all and sundry the foresaid jewels on John Graham, his son natural, for his good deeds and services, also giving him sasine of a carucate of land called *le Akyr*, in the burgh in barony of Port and shire of Perth.

29.—11th January, 1476-7. Before Mr. Gavin Rath, commissary of Mr. William Schevys, archdeacon of St. Andrews and vicar-general of the see, elected generally by the chapter, in consistorial court, sitting in judgment in the monastery of Holyrood, of the burgh of Edinburgh, in the usual place, compeared, Agnes Menteth, spouse of John Haldane of Glennegas, and gave her corporal oath on the gospels to give her free consent to the grant and sale made by her husband of the lands of Kypdory, Carbeth, Ballewoul, in the shire of Strivelin, and in warrandice of the same of 10 pound lands of Glennegas, to Thomas Buchquhanan of Gartcabyr, and never to come in the contrary of the same, etc.

30.—18th January, 1476-7. In presence of Henry, abbot of Cambuskenneth, and convent of the same, and notary and witnesses, compeared Sir Thomas Masterton, canon regular of the said monastery, before the abbot and convent chapterly assembled, and surrendered to them for ever the parish church of Tullybody, with all rights, fruits, etc., thereof, as well granted to him by the apostolic see as by the abbot and convent, etc.

31.—1st March, 1476-7. Gilbert lord Kennedy, presented to be examined and transumed by the notary, a charter by the late James earl of Douglas, Wygtoun, and Avandale, lord of Galloway and of the barony of Traboyath, on the lands of Glengennet and le Bannane, in the barony of Troboyath and earldom of Caryk and sheriffdom of Are, to the late Marc of Halyburtoun. Done in the hall of the lodging of the said Gilbert lord Kennedy, within the burgh of Strivelin, in presence of Sir David Robisone, prebendary of the collegiate church of Menybole (Maybole), and others.

32.—3rd March, 1476-7. In presence of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the burgh of Striveline, sitting in judgment in the tolbooth, and of the notary and witnesses, compeared Thomas lord le Erskine, procurator for Sir Richard Brady, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Lautheroc (Lotherisk *deleted*), and perpetual chaplain of the altar of the Holy Rood, founded within the parish church of the said burgh, and surrendered the said altar and chaplainry, with all fruits, lands, crofts, etc., thereof, in the hands of Adam Bully, then provost, and John Crag, one of the bailies, in name of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, patrons of the said altar, which altar and chaplainry Master Andrew Craguorth, chaplain, craved of the provost, etc., for his services done and to be done to them in many ways, whereupon the said provost, bailies, etc.,

all assembled together, to the number of 120 burgesses, unanimously conferred the said altar and chaplainry on the said Mr. Andrew Craggorth for his lifetime, according to the tenor of the charter of donation to be made thereupon under their common seal; on which the said John Crag, bailie, at command of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, past with the said Master Andrew to the said altar of the Holy Rood, and by touching and delivering to him of the book, chalice, ornaments, and horns of the said altar, invested him in the said chaplainry, with the fruits, lands, &c., thereof.

33.—5th May, 1477. The provost and bailies of the burgh of Striveline past to the tenement of the late Thomas Carmichell, vicar of Striveline, in the said burgh, and charged the inhabitants and farmers thereof to answer and obey to William Mane, keeper of the guard *(architenens garde)* of the King, anent their maills, according to the tenor of the King's letters directed to the provost and bailies thereupon; and also, according to the said letters, ordered Sir Nicholas Franche, curate of Striveline, to remove himself and his goods from the fore chamber of the said tenement, and deliver the keys to the said William.

34.—16th May, 1477. William lord le Grame, in the 14th year of his age, touching the holy gospels, compromitted him to stand, for his profit and honour, to the counsel and ordinance of Thomas lord le Erskin, his uncle; Alexander Erskine, son and heir-apparent of the said Lord Erskine; John Drummond of Cargill, and Mr. John Lyon of Curtastone, in all his actions and rules touching his person and lordship till the twenty-first year of his age complete; that they should cause make a seal for the said William for his actions and defences, to be in the keeping of Thomas lord le Erskin and John Drummond, under closure of two keys, one to be kept by each and to be opened only with advice of the said persons who compromitted them to give good and salutary counsel to the said Lord Grahame.

35.—9th June, 1477. Before the provost, bailies, councillors and community, of the burgh of Striveline, it was solemnly protested that the ward made by them in their court anent payment of custom of wood and timber going out at the port of the burgh should not prejudice them as to their liberties.

36.—20th June, 1477. Before Thomas lord le Erskin, sheriff of Striveline, sitting in judgment in the hall of the monastery of Holyrood of Edinburgh, compeared John Ros of Montgrinan, as procurator for the King, and showed that the King was informed that in the said court a brief of inquest was to be served on the lands, etc., of the earldom of Levenax, purchased by Agnes Menteith, spouse of John Haldane of Rusky, which lands, offices, etc., were in the hands of the King's grandfather and father and himself, not by ward and relief but in property and fee and

heritage for ever; therefore protesting that whatever was done in serving such brief should not prejudice the King or his successors as to their property of the said lands. Present: Robert lord Lyle, George lord Huntlie, Sir Robert Sympill, knight, James Schaw of Salchy, Michael Balfour of Burly, David Graham of Gergunnok, Malcom M'Clery of Garten, Walter Steuart of Morphy, and others.

37.—30th July, 1477. In presence of Thomas lord le Erskin sheriff of Strivelin, James Schaw of Salchi, and John Ros of Montgrennan, commissioners in that part of the King, namely, to perambulate and put marches between the King's lands of Buthkennar and the lands of Daldres pertaining to William lord of Abbyrnethy in Rothimaye by assise of the country, unsuspected, compeared the said William lord of Abbyrnethy, and when the commissioners elected certain tenants, farmers, and husbandmen of the said lands of Buthkennar for assise, he alleged that they were suspect and partial because they were farmers of the lands perambulated, and craved they be removed and other persons put on the assise instead, which the commissioners refused to do; whereupon lord Abbyrnethy protested that whatever the commissioners should do in the perambulation should not fall to his prejudice. Witnesses: Sir John Levingstone, knight, William of Menteth of West Kerss, Malcom Forester of Torwoud, John Levingston of Kyppan, Alexander Setoun of Tulibody, and others.

38.—31st July, 1477. In the sheriff court of Strivelin, held in the tolbooth thereof by Thomas lord le Erskin, sheriff of Strivelin, sitting in judgment, compeared Walter Buquhanan of that ilk and presented in judgment Ewen Campbell, John Smale and Gilfulan M'Alan, to underlie the law, as he was pledge for them, for the slaughter of the late Gillaspy Makclery, and presented the King's letters under his signet and subscription to that effect, ordaining the Sheriff to try them by an assize. The letters are ingrossed, dated at Edinburgh 5 July, 17th year of the King's reign. On the said Ewen Campbell, etc., pleading not guilty, an assize was appointed, being Alexander of Tulybody, David Grame of Gargunnok, David Drummond of Crannok, John Brows of Stanhous, and others, who found the accused quit and free from the charge. Present: Malcolm Makclery of Garden, Robert Dowglas of Lochleven, and others.

39.—21st April, 1478. In presence of Colin earl of Argyle, lord Campbell and Lorne, Gilbert lord Kennedy, and the notary and witnesses, Hugh lord of Montgumre, on the one part, and Elen Campbel, one of the daughters of the said earl, on the other part, passing to the door of the parish church of Dolar, Sir Patrick MakClery, chaplain, asked them if they wished to be joined in marriage, who answered they did. Then the said Patrick asked them if they knew any

impediment, or if either had made a contract before with any other person, or if they were constrained by force or fear thereto, who answered that there was no impediment but it was done of their own free will, and gave their corporal oaths thereupon. Whereupon the said Sir Patrick placed the said Hugh's hand in the said Elen's, and *per verba matrimonio de presenti* united them in marriage. And Hugh and Elen kissed each other in name of matrimony. Done in the church of Dolar the tenth hour before noon or thereby.

40.—8th June, 1478. James lord Hammiltoun took instruments, in presence of the lords of the King's council, in the sheriff court of Striveline, held by Thomas lord Erskyn, sheriff of Striveline, in the tolbooth of the burgh of Edinburgh, that in serving of a certain brief of inquest of the King's chancery, purchased by Agnes Menteth, spouse of John Haldyn of Glennegas, on the lands of Levenax, that John Ros of Montgrenane, advocate as he asserted in that part of the King, alleged that all officers and ministers of justice were sworn faithfully to execute their offices. Witnesses: John, Thomas, and William, bishops of Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Moray, Andrew lord Avandale, chancellor of Scotland, Laurence lord of Abyrnethy, Robert lord Lyle, William Sympil, sheriff of Renfrew, Mr. Archibald Quhitelaw, secretary, Mr. John Lyon of Curtastoun, etc.

41.—1st July, 1478. The provost, bailies, and community of the burgh of Striveline, conferred the altar of the Holy Rood on Sir James Darow for his lifetime, vacant by the death of the late Mr. Andrew Craggorth, last possessor thereof; the said James having first resigned the altar of St. Katharine, which they conferred on Robert Redehuch for his lifetime; and David Murray then gave sasine to them of the same by delivery of the books and ornaments thereof.

42.—29th April, 1479. Mr. John Ruth, vicar of Garreoch, and Sir David Ruth, monk of Dunfermlyne, procurators for Sir Alexander Ruth, prior of the Isle of St. Colmoc (Inchmahome), of Dunblane diocese, confessed them paid by James Ogilby of Ernby, knight, of the sum of £30 Scots for lease of the teind sheaves of the parish church of Luchris for two terms bypast and one term to come.

43.—9th July, 1479. Edward Levyngstoun of Balcastel, John Broys of Stanehous, and John Flemyng, burgess of the burgh of Dumbartane, bailies appointed by Robert lord Flemyng to hold a court of the barony of Lenzie in the sheriffdom of Dumbartane, gave their oaths for due execution of their office, in presence of the notary and witnesses; and appointed Symon Makclery clerk of the said court, John Merschel serjeant, and James Greneyardis dempstar: which bailies affirmed the court of the said barony of Lenzie, held at Cummyrnald, on the part of the King and Robert lord Flemyng, baron of the said barony. In which court the said John

Merschell, serjeant, obtained 12 cows, 10 oxen, 4 bolls of oatmeal, 3 chalders and 8 bolls of oatmeal, 7 s. and 26 s. Scots, pertaining to Robert Flemyng, son of Robert lord le Flemyng, arrested before by the said serjeant at the instance of Robert lord le Flemyng for 4 chalders of oatmeal of the teind sheaves of the church of Kyrkintulloch, and five bolls of oatmeal of multure of the mill of Achtyrmony, and 20 merks Scots for a pair of arms paid by lord Flemyng to Patrick Bar, burgess of Edinburgh, for the said Robert his son, and for 3 pounds Scots for the maills of the lands of Wester Bar, due as he asserted by the said Robert Flemyng his son to him.

44.—25th September, 1479. John Crag, bailie, gave sasine of the lands called The Dow Well Croft, in the territory of the burgh of Striveline; lands of the Borow rudis, between John Gourlay's and Thomas Narne's lands, etc., to Gilbert Brady, grandson of John Brady, burgess of the burgh.

45.—25th November, 1479. In presence of John bishop of Dunblane, Thomas lord le Erskene, the notary and witnesses, William lord le Grahame on the one part, and Annabella Drummond, one of the daughters of John Drummond of Cargill, on the other part, for marriage to be contracted between them, past to the door of the parish church of Muthyll of the diocese of Dunblane, where Sir Alexander Hyrdman, chaplain, asked the said William and Annabella if they wished to be contracted in marriage, who answered they did; asked if they knew any impediment except consanguinity, which had been dispensed with by the said bishop with authority of the Apostolic see, or if either had made any contract with any other person or were coacted thereto, who answered that they knew of no impediment nor had made contract before, but said they wished spontaneously to complete the said marriage, and gave their corporal oaths thereon on the Holy Gospels. The said Sir Alexander put the right hand of the said William in the said Annabella's hand and, *per verba matrimonii de presenti*, as use is, fully conjoined the said William and Annabella in nuptial covenant and contract of marriage, who in name of matrimony kissed each other. Whereon all and sundry John Drummond of Gargill, father of the said Annabella, in her name craved instruments. Done in the parish church of Mothill at ten hours before noon or thereabout. Present, the said lord himself, Thomas lord le Erskyne, Robert Douglas of Lochlevyn, David Grahame of Gargunnok, Master Walter Drummond, Sir Andrew Drummond vicar of Muthill, Robert Drummond of Ermor, Robert Grahame, Thomas Grahame, Matthew Forestar, Duncan Forestar, Walter Symson, William Chalmers, and others.

46.—15th March, 1529. Robert, rector of Gilbervy and perpetual commendator of the Priory of the Isle of St. Colmoc (Inchmahome) of Dunblane diocese,

holding in his hands certain Apostolic letters or bulls [of Clement the Seventh] past to the presence of Mr. Robert Graham, vicar of Drummond, and required him to put the said letters to due execution, who receiving them with the reverence that became them, past to the high altar of the church of the said priory and gave institution and investure of the said priory and monastery thereof, with fruits, rents, provents, and emoluments, lands, baronies, etc., by delivery of a silver chalice, gilt missal, book, and sacred ornaments of the said high altar, as use is, to the said Robert Erskin, rector of Gilbervy, and invested him in possession thereof; in presence of Alexander earl of Menteth, — Fullartoun of Kinnaber, George Yester, familiar servitor of the illustrious Margaret, Queen of Scotland, etc.

47.—3rd July, 1530. William Broun, burgess of Striveling, for the weal of his soul, increase of divine worship, and support of the faculty of the brethren of the altar of the Holy Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the parish church of the burgh, in wax candles and other necessaries, gave an annual rent of 4 s. from his tenement of land and garden lying in the Bakraw of the said burgh, in perpetual alms; resigning the same in the hands of the bailie, who gave sasine thereof to Sir John Aitkin, chaplain of the said altar.

48.—18th May, 1531, the day of the Ascension of our Lord. In presence of the notary and witnesses, Mr. Alexander Kyd, canon of the Chapel Royal of Striveling, being required by Sir John Clerk, canon regular of the monastery of Cambuskenneth, in name and behalf of the abbot and convent of the same, to execute certain apostolic letters (referred to, but not engrossed), as an obedient son of the church denounced Sir Robert Wemys, formerly admonished and not obedient, in the time of high mass in the parish church of Strivelin on Ascension day, as excommunicated. And on the Thursday the penult of the said month, which was in the third week of Pentecost, the foresaid Mr. Alexander, being so required, openly and publicly denounced the foresaid Sir Robert, vicar in the said parish church, at the time of the greater and high mass as excommunicated with aggravation. And on the Lord's day the 11th of June the said Mr. Alexander Kyd denounced the said Sir Robert so excommunicated and with aggravation, with use of candles, as the manner is, cast down to the ground, and bells rung, to be under double aggravation.

49.—31st May, 1531. Robert Thomson, officer of James Cunyngham of Polmais, past to his lands of Bochaldy in the barony of Polmais Cunyngham and sheriffdom of Perth, and, in presence of the notary and witnesses, cast forth Cristophor Portare, Robert Gentilman, John Carnis, and Thomas Carnis, tenants of the same, with their goods and chattels, in virtue of a precept from the said James, as at the present term of Whitsunday, they all confessing they were formerly lawfully

warned beyond the bounds and limits thereof; and from every principal house of each of them took forth a stool or chair and threw it down in token of the execution of his office, the tenants obeying in all things as became them. Whereupon the officer asked of them if they wished to hold the foresaid lands of the said James in tack for the terms to come, and to answer him yearly and termly for the fermes and other annual rents, who all with one voice answered: We do wish; and so he again put in or reponed the same with their goods.

50.—The Lord's day, 30th July, 1531. Sir Adam Sym, priest, procurator of John Makcaw, clerk and familiar servitor of James the Fifth, King of Scots, in the presence of Dermit Makhecardych, vicar or curate of the cathedral church of Lesmore, at the high altar thereof, the dean and other canons of the church not being then present, presented to him a letter of provision with the round seal of Henry the bishop and one of the judges and executors of the Apostolic brief of Clement the Seventh, on certain benefices specially granted to the King; which Dermit received and gave to the notary to read, and then asked it back; and after, by delivery of a silver chalice, gilt missal book, key of the door, and ornaments of the high altar, gave investiture of the archdiaconate of the said cathedral church of Lesmore, with fruits, rents, etc., to the said Sir Adam Sym, priest, as procurator for the said John Makcaw, and assigned him a stall in the choir and place in the chapter, receiving the oath from the said Adam for obeying the statutes of the said church, etc. And thereafter the said vicar warned the parishioners assembled in time of divine service, in their mother tongue, the Irish speech, and all others having interest, to answer and obey the said John Makcaw in fruits, rents, etc.

51.—23rd October, 1531. Alexander Watson, one of the bailies of the burgh of Strivelin, showed that, pending the decision by the court of Rome in the plea between Alexander, abbot of Cambuskenneth, and a venerable man, Sir Robert Wemis, vicar of Strivelin, anent the teinds of salmon of the Water of Forth, the said venerable man licenced and allowed him, the said Alexander, farmer, to levy the said teind in the same way as the said vicar was in use to levy it without disturbance on his part till the decision of the plea; which being determined, the said Alexander binds him and his heirs to restore all the teind received by him to the said abbot and place, etc.

52.—7th January, 1531-2. Gilbert Graham of Knokdolyane, bending on his right knee, resigned to William earl of Montros lord Graham, his lands of Walastoun and Ardochmore, extending to a five pound land of old extent, for infeftment to be given to Walter Colquhone of Kylmerdonyng, in presence of James Suthirland rector of Killerne, and others.

53.—5th April, 1533. The King's letter was proclaimed for the noblemen of the sheriffdom of Strivelin to repair to the borders of the kingdom for defence of the same against the old enemies of England; in which was an exception for Robert Callender subscribed with the King's hand, the said Robert furnishing his son there as effeirs.

54.—16th and 17th July, 1533. Donald Smyth, attorney of William master of Menteth and Margaret Mowbra, his spouse, assignees of Alexander earl of Menteth, his father, to the reversion of the lands underwritten, past to the two merk lands of Myltoun of Aberfull, 20 s. 4 d. lands of Kirktoun of Aberfull and mill thereof, 4 merk lands of Inchin, 23 s. 4 d. lands of Bofreslie, etc., lake and isles of Lochcon in the earldom of Menteth and sheriffdom of Perth, which formerly in virtue of the foresaid assignation were lawfully redeemed from Walter Graham; and received sasine of the same, to the said William and Margaret in conjunct fee and life rent and the heirs male begotten or to be begotten between them, whom failing the nearest heirs or assignees of the said William whomsoever, in virtue of a precept of sasine by the said earl, dated at Inchmaquhomok, 5th May, 1533, before Walter Graham, the earl's son, John Hutoun, canon professed of the said monastery of Inchmaquhomok, and others.

55.—19th February, 1547. Robert Admowty past to the personal presence of Sir John Crag, vicar pensionary of the parish church of the Holy Rood of the burgh of Striveling, clad with the missal ornaments for singing high mass at the high altar, and presented to him letters of collation to the vicarage of the said church; who received and read the same, and by delivery of the missal book, ornaments of the high altar, silver chalice, and keys of the church, gave investiture of the said vicarage to the foresaid Robert, with all fruits, etc., belonging thereto. Done in the said church at time of access to high mass at the high altar thereof, the 10th hour before noon or thereby.

56.—12th July, 1549. Protest by the prior and convent of the monastery of Cambuskenneth, wherein they state that they were sharply menaced and charged by letters of the Queen's grace, the governor and lords of secret council, coacting them to give two conventual portions of the abbey to a son of William Bell's "within innocent yeris and nocht to auld failyeit and decrepit folkis," and provide him thereof, under their common seal and subscriptions manual, for his lifetime, which was great prejudice to them and contrary to the will of their "maist noble fundatour;" and because it was contrary to justice to give portions to rich men's sons and so many poor in the country, and that they dreaded hurt to them and their place if they disobeyed the charge and command, protesting therefore that whatever was

done by them, compelled and coacted in the said matter, should be of no force nor effect to the said William Bell's son "and for ws and our successouris that wants now ane ourman and prelat," all in one voice revoke and annul the said gift; protesting that it shall be no hurt nor damage to the prelate and abbot entering to the said place; and crave instruments thereupon of the notaries. Done in the chapter-house of the said abbey the ninth hour before noon or thereby.

57.—26th July, 1550. Robert lord Elphinstoun, with Robert Drummond of Crannok and James Kinros of Kippenros, his curators, past to the personal presence of James duke of Chatellaraucht earl of Arran lord Hamiltoun, tutor of the Queen and protector and governor of Scotland, and on his bended right knee, with consent of his curators, resigned his lands of Corgarf, Scellater, Invernes, Fynnelosk, Boquhain, New, etc., in the lordship of Kildrummy and shire of Aberdeen, from him and his heirs, by staff and baton, in the hands of the said governor, as in the hands of the Queen lady superior thereof, in favour of himself and Margaret Drummond his spouse, for new infeftment to be made to them in conjunct fee and liferent, and the heirs of their bodies, whom failing, the nearest heirs of the said Robert, under the great seal; reserving the third thereof to Cristian Erskin, mother of the said Robert lord Elphinstoun, for his lifetime. After which resignation the governor gave sasine of the lands to the said Robert and Henry Drummond of Richartoun, as attorney for Margaret Drummond his spouse aforesaid, in conjunct fee, etc. Done in the chamber of the Queen, situated in the castle of Striveling, in presence of John, archbishop of St. Andrews.

58.—9th October, 1593. Sasine of Lady Mary Stewart, spouse of John earl of Mar lord Erskein and Garioch, etc., in the lordship of Brechin, with fishings and cruives upon the West Esk in liferent, reserving to Lady Annabel Murray, his mother, all lands belonging to her by reason of a contract made between them; and in the lordship of Alloway, in warrandice of the same, on precept from the earl, dated at Brechin, 8th October, 1593, before Ludovic duke of Lennox, and others.

59.—23rd May, 1595. David Forrester of Logie, one of the bailies of the burgh of Stirling, at command of the provost, remanent bailies and council of the burgh, past to a little "chalmer" pertaining to Christopher Lambe "maister cuik to his Maiestie," on the Castell hill of the burgh, "biggit be him on the craige on the south syde of his duelling hous adiacent therto," and gave sasine thereof; the said Christopher paying therefor yearly to the provost and bailies the sum of 2 s. Scots conform to the act of council made thereupon: also after resignation he receives sasine of his tenement or house with the yard upon the Castellhill to himself and Jonet Rudderfurd, his spouse, in conjunct fee, etc.

60.—29th May, 1596. Thomas Ewing, procurator for the earl of Mar, delivered to Harie Grahame of Meklewood four score pounds, within the Ruid Kirk of Stirling, for redemption of the lands of Meklewood of Gargunnok. Witnesses: John Bruce of Auchinbowye, Alexander Bruce, his son, and others.

II.—LIST OF PROVOSTS, BAILIES, AND OTHER OFFICE-BEARERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BURGH OF STIRLING.

1296.—Richard Brice, Burges and Alderman;

Laurence of Dunblane, William Servatur, Renaud de Maleville, Richard Prestre, Robert le Taillur, Morris le Rus, Gilbert Teket, Adam le fiz Richard, Rauf le Wrighte, William le Lardyner, and John of Drylowe, *Burgesses.*

The above names of burgesses and of an alderman are appended to a document, dated at Berwick-on-Tweed, 28 August, 1296, and now preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record office, London, wherein it is recorded that they "and all the community of the burgh" swore fealty to King Edward I. of England "The very fine common seal[1] in green wax, 3½ inches in diameter, is appended by four stout strings. *Obv.* The bridge of Stirling with 7 arches, and the Forth below. On the centre of the bridge, the Crucifixion; the Saviour with the nimbus. On dexter side 3 figures with bows, the foremost bending his bow and barbed arrow towards the Cross. On sinister, 3 figures with lances, the foremost darting his lance towards the Cross. A star and crescent above the limbs of the Cross: 'HIC ARMIS BRVTI SCOTI : STANT : HIC CRVCE : TVTI.' *Rev.* The front of a castle with triple entral, and double corner, towers; masonry distinctly shown. Gateway with rounded arch, double-leaved gate and hinges, clearly shown. Trees and foliage on either side '✠ CONTINET: HOC : IN : SE : NEMVS : ET : CASTRVM : STRIVELINSE.'" *Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland, edited by Joseph Bain,* Vol. ii., No. 813.

1327-8.—Maurice Hunter and Finlai Sutor, *prepositi.*

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1328-9.—Andrew Auwynson, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 86.

1329-30.—William of Hall and Richard of Rutherford, *prepositi.* Ib., p. 266.

1330-1.—Accounts of the Bailies given up by Richard son of Lachlan. Ib., p. 302.

1358-9.—Nicholas Masoun, and Richard Chepman, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 622.

1359-60.—John Kerr, *Bailie.* Ib., vol. ii., p. 27.

1360-1.—Nicholas Mason, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 60.

1360-1.—Richard Chepman and Robert Forester, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 100.

1361-2.—Robert Forester and Richard Chepman, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 145.

1362-3.—Thomas Swerdsleper and James Reed, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 146.

1363-4.—Mathew Ferrour and Thomas Yung, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 147.

1364-5.—Thomas of Marr and Thomas of Ireland, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 206.

[1] A representation of the seal is given as a frontispiece to "Charters and Documents."

1365-6.—Hugh Urry, Robert Raa, Richard Tector, Adam Sissor, Robert Foster, William Ker, William Wemys, John of Erskin, Roger Merchant and Henry Merchant, his brother; Gilbert Faber, Thomas Potator, John Gollane, John Skinner, Thomas of Ireland, Robert Harrow, John Brume, Adam Gamilsone, John Witste, Thomas of Brigerakis, Patrick Merchant, Robert the executioner, Thomas the brazier; also, the fishers, viz., John, son of Hugh; John of Callenter; John son of Michael; John Tennand and Philip his son; Mure of Corntone and William his brother; John son of Heruot; "and many others," *Burgesses.*

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1366-7.—Robert Forester, *Bailie.*

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1371-2.—Thomas Eruginator, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 387.
1372-3.—George Chepman and John Wyth, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 415.
1375-6.—William of Hall, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 538.
1376-7.—John Lange, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 572.
1378-9.—Thomas Swerdslepar and Adam Clerk, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 17.
1379-80.—Arthour Johnson and John Taylour, *Bailies.* Ib., 57.
1380-1.—Bricius de Camera, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 72.
1385-6.—Thomas Rubiginator, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 140.
1386-7.—Hugh Chaypman and Robert Johnson, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 159.
1387-8.—Hugh Merchant and Michael de Camera, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 196.
1388-9.—Donald Tailor, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 218.
1389-90.—Robert Gardener, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 232.
1390-1.—Thomas Swerdsleper and Richard Jonson, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 262.
1391-2.—Richard Johnson and Nicholas of Hall, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 305.
1392-3.—Hugh Merchant, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 333.
1394-5.—Thomas Smyth, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 366.
1395-6.—John Palmer, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 392.
1396-7.—Duncan Walas. Ib., p. 421.
1397-8.—Thomas Brown, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 448.
1399-1400.—Thomas Michelsoun and John Robertsoun, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 505.
1402-3.—John of Tyntow, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 579.
1403-4.—John Palmar, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 604.
1404-5.—John Gourlay, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 637.
1405-6.—John Darach, *Bailie.* Ib., vol. iv., p. 26.
1406-7.—Adam Legate, renders account of Bailies. Ib., p. 59.
1408-9.—John Darach, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 93.

1409-10.—William of Etale, *Bailie.*

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1411-2.—William Forster, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 157.
1412-3.—William Forstare, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 181.
1413-4.—Maurice Chepman, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 207.
1414-5.—Thomas Legate, renders account of Bailies. Ib., p. 233.
1417-8.—Thomas Forsithsoun, renders account of Bailies. Ib., p. 304.
1419-21.—Robert Malcolm, renders account of Bailies. Ib., pp. 327, 350.
1421-5.—Alexander Gulde, renders account of Bailies. Ib., pp. 370, 398.
1425-6.—John Darrach, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 420.
1427-8.—William Symsoun and John Whityne, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 454.
1428-9.—Andrew of Inchsera, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 486.
1433-4.—William Simson, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 585.
1445-6.—John Levingstoun, renders accounts of Bailies. Ib., vol. v., p. 242.
1446-7.—Robert Malcolm, renders accounts of Bailies. Ib., p. 285.
1447-9.—Adam Cosour, renders accounts of Bailies. Ib., pp. 424, 351.
1449-50.—John Darach, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 398.
1450-1.—George of Creichton, renders accounts of Bailies. Ib., p. 443.
1451-2.—John Darach and Richard Mure, *Bailies.* Ib., p. 514.
1452-3.—John Darrach, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 565.
1453-4.—William of Pordewyn, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 636.
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1464-5.—Mathew Forestare, renders account of Bailies. Ib., p. 374.
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Robert Forsith, *Bailie.*

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1472-7.—Duncan Forester, renders account of Bailies. Ib., pp. 203, 471, 553.

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Alexander Mortoun, *Treasurer.*
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1477-8.—Duncan Forester, *Provost.*
David Murray, Charles Rede, Robert Forsyth, *Bailies.* Ib.
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John Aitkin, *Bailie.*
Charters and Documents, p. 191.

1518-9.—Richard Narne, *Bailie.* Ib., p. 191.

1519-20.[1]—*Provost:* George of Crichtoun.
Bailies: Alexander Watsoun, Richard Naerne, Robert Arnot.

1520-1.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.
Bailies: John Ackyne, Richard Naerne, Allexander Crag.
Dean of Guild: John Brown. *Treasurer:* David Crag. *Master of Work*: Robert Arnot.

1521-2.—*Provost:* Sir Duncan Forester.
Bailies: Robert Arnot, Alexander Watson, Walter Grame.
Dean of Guild: Duncan Patonsoun. *Treasurer:* David Crag.
Council: Alexander Forester, John Ackyn, Ritschart Narne, Alexander Crag, Sir Walter Forester, Robert the Brus, Alexander Drummond, Robert Calentar, James Reducht, Alexander Levinstoun, Robert Ferny, James Spettal, William Dausoun, John Bully, Henry Abhircrummy, Alexander Murra.
Deacons of Crafts: Thom Smyth, John Alexander, Thom Mitschal, Alexander Robisoun, John Allane, Alexander Benne, Patric Litiljohen, Thom Foullar.

1522-3.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.
Bailies: John Ackyne, Walter Grame, Alexander Crag.
Dean of Guild: John Broun. *Treasurer:* David Crag. *Master of Work:* Robert Arnot.
Council: Sir Duncan Forester, Robert Arnot, Alexander Watsoun, Walter Grame, Allan Steuart, Allexander Levinstoun, James Spettal, Robart Ferny, Ritschart Narne, William Dausoun, David Crag, Duncan Patonsoun, John Broun, James Merschal, Gilbart

[1] From 1519, when the council records commence, all the names are taken from that source unless the contrary is stated.

1522-3. M'Lellan, Allexander Murra, David Greg, George Symsoun, William Wyeis, John Offeris, Adam Adamsoun.

Deacons of Crafts: George Thomsoun, Duncan Darow, William Duncansoun, Allexander Smyth, Johen of Yair, Patric Duncan, Symon Broun, John Moffat.

1523-4.—*Provost:* Alexander Forster.

Bailies: Ritschart Narne, Robert Arnot, Alexander Watsoun.

Deacons of Crafts: Duncan Bow, Nycoll Duncansoun, John Offeris, Thom Watsoun, Robe Grhame, Patric Duncan, Allexander Wricht, John Allan.

1524-5.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.

Bailies: Richard Narne, John Atkyn, Walter Grahame.

Dean of Guild: Duncan Patonsoun. *Treasurer:* David Crag. *Master of Kirk-work:* David Crag.

1525-6.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.

Bailies: Richard Narne, Walter Grame, Alexander Watsoun.

Dean of Guild: David Greig. *Treasurer:* David Crag. *Master of Work:* Robert Arnot.

1526-7.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.

Bailies: John Ackyne, Robert Arnot, Alexander Crag.

1527-8.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.

Bailies: Walter Grame, Walter Ewinsoun, John Forester.

Dean of Guild: David Greg.

Council: John Ackyne, Robert Arnot, Alexander Crag, Sir Walter Forester, Alexander Levinstoun, Robert the Brus, John Montecht, Patric Montecht, Robert Ferny, Robert Arnot, Gilbart M'Lellan, Alexander Murra, David Greg, James Spettal, Richard Narne, Johen Bully, Walter Cousland, James Ferny, William Robisoun, William Cosour, William Brown, Andro Kar; "with the dekinis."

1528-9.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester.

Bailies: Walter Grame, Walter Ewinsoun, John Forester.

Dean of Guild: James Ferne.

Council: Schir James Forester of Garden knycht, Allexander Levinston of Dunypece, Robert the Brus of Carnok, Johen of Mentecht, Robart Ferne, Allexander Watsoun, Johen Gryme, Ritschart Narne, Allexander Crag, Gilbart Fergusoun, Walter Cousland,

1528-9. Johen M'Nair, James Murra, Allexander Duncan, Henry Abhircrummy, Robyn Hendersoun, Patric Lawsoun, William Muncrefe, Thom M'Calpy, Symon Broun, Robart Paule, Duncan Patonsoun, Johen Bully, William Robesoun, Andro Kar, David Greg, Johen Ackyn, Robart Arnot, George Symsoun, William Broun, Allexander Murra; "with the dekinis."

Common clerk: Robyne Cunnyngham (9 October 1528).
Sir William Litstar, chaplain (13 November, 1528).

1529-30.—*Provost:* Sir James Forester of Garden, Knight.

Bailies: Alexander Watsoun, Robert Pawle, John Ackyne.

Dean of Guild: Duncan Patonsoun. *Treasurer:* Robert Arnot. *Master of Work:* John Aickin.

Council: Alexander Forester, Walter Grame, Walter Ewinsoun, John Forester, Allexander Levinstoun, Duncan Patonsoun, Ritschart Narne, Robart Arnot, Dauid Greg, Gilbert M'Clellan, Alexander Murra.

Deacons of Crafts: Thom Andro for the maltmen, Thom Ruderfourd, Jame Murra, Andro Lokart, Thome Litiljhon, Allexander Wricht.

Common clerk: John Grame.

1531-2.—*Bailie:* Walter Cosland.
Charters and Documents, p. 197.

1536-7.—*Provost:* Alexander Forestare.

Bailies: Robert Arnot, John Forestare.
Charters and Documents, p. 199.

1541-2.—*Provost:* John Cragingelt.
MS. Exchequer Rolls.

Bailie: John Forester.
Charters and Documents, p. 199.

1544-5.—*Treasurer:* Walter Cousland.

1545-6.—*Provost:* John Cragingelt of that ilk.

Bailies: William Bell, James Robesoun, James Duncansoun, Archibald Spittale.[1]

Dean of Guild: James Ferny.

Council: John Graheme, merchand, William Forester, "ald bailies;" Robert Cousland, "ald dene of gild." For the Craftis:—David

[1] See as to fourth bailie, act of council 16 Oct. 1545, p. 41.

1545-6. Graheme, dekin of smythis; Thomas Lokert, dekin of skynneris; Andro Neleson dekin of baxsteris; Johne Lawson dekin of cordenaris. "The remanent dekinnis chosin be the counsall, and haldin able to serve the touin, deprivand the ingnorantis chosin be the craftis thairto:—Alexander Benne, elder, for wobstaris, Robert Lowdean for tailyouris, Thomas Michell for maltmen, Bris Duncansoun for fleschouris."

1546-7.—*Provost:* David Forester of Garden.

Bailies: Archibald Spittale, William Smart, Alexander Patersoun, James Duncansoun.

Dean of Guild: Robert Cousland. *Treasurer:* John Forester.

Council: Merchants, William Bell, James Robesoun, Archibald Spittale, Johne Graheme, Gilbert M'Lellane, James Ferny, Walter Cousland, Richard Naerne, James Watsoun; Craftsmen, David Graheme, Andro Nelesoun, Thom Michell, Robert Geichane.

1547-8.—*Provost:* John Cragingelt of that ilk.

Bailies: William Bell, Archibald Spittale, William Smart, Alexander Watsone.

Dean of Guild: James Fairny.

1548-9.—*Provost:* Robert Forester of Kilyemuk.

Bailies: John Forester, James Watsoun, James Robesoun, Walter Cousland.

1549-50.—*Provost:* Robert Forester of Kilyemuck.

Bailies: Archibald Spittale, William Smart, Alexander Watsoun, John Forester.

Council: John Cragingelt, William Bell, Walter Cosland, James Watsoun, James Robesoun, Robert Arnot, Duncan Patersoun, Archibald Spittale, Alexander Christeson, James Farny, Thomas Mechell, Andro Neilsoun, Johne Cowan.

Deacons of Crafts: Johne Cowan, hammerman; Andro Neleson, baxter; Thomas Ker, skynner; Andro Neleson, maltman; George Gardner, tailor; Walter Watsoun, cordiner; David Wrycht, webster; Robert Irrewin, flesher.

1551-2.—*Provost:* John Cragingelt of that ilk.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 1.

1553-4.—*Provost:* Henry Levingston.

Bailies: James Watsoun, Robert Forester, William Norvell, William Smart.

1554-5.—*Provost:* Henry Levingston.

Bailies: Robert Forester, junior, William Smart, Alexander Watsoun, Alexander Aleschunder.

Dean of Guild: William Noruell. *Treasurer:* James Watsone.

Council: Walter Cowsland, Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, Robert Forester of Calyemuk, William Bell of Spittall, John Forester of Logy, Duncan Patersone, Duncan Dawsoun, William Lowry, James Robesoun, Alexander Patersoun, Gilbert Anderson, Alexander Galloway, James Farny, Alexander Ray.

Deacons of Crafts: John Makalexander, smith; William Dorrocht, baxter; Andro Nylson, maltman; Robert Anderson, tailor; Robert Schort, cordiner; Andro Kay, flesher; David Wrycht, webster; Thomas Kar, skinner; Thomas Wallace.

Clerk: John Graheme. *Depute:* Robert Ramsay.

1555-6.—*Provost:* Robert Bruce of Auchinbowy.

Bailies: James Robesoun, Alexander Aleschunder, William Smart.

Dean of Guild: Walter Cousland. *Treasurer:* Alexander Watsoun.

Council: Robert Forester of Calyemuk, Robert Forester, younger, Johne Forester of Logy, Duncan Patonsoun, Johne Schaw of Broicht, James Watsoun, William Norvell, Gilbart Andirsoun, William Dorrocht, Thomas Kar.

Visitors of Crafts:[1] John Cowane, smith; William Dorrocht, baxter; William Striveling, cordiner; Johne Haste, talyour; William Niddisdall, Thomas Kar, skynnar; David Wrycht, wobstar; James Layng, maltman.

Masters of the Kirk-work: William Dorrocht and Gilbert Andersoun.

1556-7.—*Provost:* Robert Forester of Calyemwk.

Bailies: James Robesoun, Robert Forester, younger ,William Smart.

Dean of Guild: James Watsoun.

Council: Alexander Forester of Garden; Robert Bruce of Auchinbowy, "auld provest;" John Cragingelt of that ilk, Johne Schaw of Broicht, Johne Foroster of Logy, Alexander Forestar, James Callendar, Nile Hog, Thomas Hart, William Lowry, Walter

[1] See foot-note, p. 66.

1556-7. Cousland, William Noruell, Alexander Galloway, Alexander Ray, Alexander Patersone, Gilbert Andirson, Alexander Watsoun.

1556-7.—*Deacons of Crafts:* John Makalexander, smith; William Dorrocht, baxter; Thomas Mychell, maltman; William Finlawson, tailor; Andro Ray, flesher; Alexander Gurlay, skinner; Walter Watsoun, cordiner; Alexander Brown, webster.

1559-60.—*Provost:* James Striveling of Keir.

Bailies: Robert Forester, younger; John Lecheman, Alexander Watsoun, William Derrocht. *Treasurer:* John Forester.

1560-1.—*Provost:* James Striveling of the Keir.

Bailies: John Leischeman, Gawin Drummond, Robert Forester, William Bell.

Dean of Guild: Robert Alexander.

Council: James Watsoun, William Norwell, William Lowry, Alexander Patersoun, Alexander Duncansoun, John Wallace, notary, Thom Arnot, John Wallace, merchant, Alexander Schort, Robert Forester of Boquhan, John Cragingelt of that ilk, Henry Livingston of Falkirk, William Mentetht of Randefurde, Alexander Forester of Arnegibbon, John Forester of Logy, James Robertsoun, Alexander Watsoun, William Darrocht, Robert Ramsay.

Deacons of Crafts: William Malice, hammerman; John Allane, baxter; Archibald Smyth, maltman; John Haistie, tailor; Robert Schort, cordiner; John Thomson, flesher; Alexander Brouin, webster; John Benny, skinner.

1561-2.—*Provost:* James Striveling of Keir.

Bailies: Gawin Drummond, Alexander Watsoun, William Derrocht.

Council:[1]

1562-3.—*Provost:* Alexander Forester of Garden.

Bailies: Robert Forester, younger, James Watsone, William Derrocht

Dean of Guild: John Lecheman. *Treasurer:* William Norwell.

Council:[1]

1563-4.—*Provost:* James Striveling of Keir.

Bailies: Robert Forester, Gawan Drummond, John Leschman.

Dean of Guild: Alexander Ray.

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[1] See names printed in Charters and Documents, p. 210.

1563-4.—*Council:*[2]

Procurator-Fiscal: Alexander Paterson.

1564-5.—*Provost:* John Cragingelt of that ilk.

Bailies; John Leschman, Duncan Forester of Arnegibbon, Gawin Drummond, Robert Forester.

Dean of Guild: Andro Cowan.

Council: James Striveling of Keir, Alexander Forester of Garden, Robert Forester of Boquhan, William Mentetht of Randefurd, William Derroche. Merchants: Alexander Ray, John Paterson, Robert Alexander, James Watsoun, John Admowtie, William Norwell, John Wallace.

Deacons of Crafts: John M'Alexander, John Millar, baxter; Alexander Kincaid, maltman; John Benny, skinner; Robert Gun, cordiner.

1566-7.—*Provost:* John Cragingelt of that ilk.

Bailie: William Forester.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 15.

1570-1.—William Norvell, commissioner to convention (21 October, 1570).

Robert Forester, younger, *bailie*, Robert Alexander, merchant, commissioners (6 Jany., 1570).

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 16, 17.

1573-4.—John Williesoun, commissioner to convention (15 July, 1574).

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 25.

1575-6.—Commissioners to convention: Robert Forester, *provost;* John Auchmowty; William Norowell, *bailie;* Andrew Cowan.

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 37, 41, 46.

1576-7.—Commissioners to convention: Robert Forester, *provost;* William Norwell.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 50.

1578-9.—Commissioners to convention: William Norowell, Thomas Murray.

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 66, 79.

1579-80.—Commissioners to convention: Thomas Murray, *bailie;* Robert Alexander, *dean of guild.*

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 80.

1580-1.—Commissioners to convention: William Noruell, Duncan Leicheman.

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 110, 127.

1582-3.—Commissioner to convention: William Norowell.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 146.

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[2] See names printed in Charters and Documents, p. 213.

1583-4.—Commissioner to convention: William Norowell.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 182.

1585-6.—Commissioners to convention: Anthonye Bruce, John Muschett, William Norowell.
Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 200, 207.

1587-8.—Commissioners to convention: William Norvell, Walter Cowane.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 244.

1588-9.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowane.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 294.

1589-90.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowan.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 310.

1590-1.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowan.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 352.

1591-2.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowan.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 369.

1592-3.—Commissioners to convention: Anthone Bruce, Walter Cowane.
Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 392, 393.

1593-4.—Commissioners to convention: Anthone Bruce, David Forester.
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 428.

1595-6.—*Provost:* John Murray of Touchadame.
Bailies: Archibald Alexschunder, Walter Cowane, James Schorte, John Miller.
Dean of Guild: Duncane Paterson. *Deacon convener:* Robert Robertson *alias* Tennent.
Council:[1]
Clerk: John Muschett.

1596-7.—*Provost:* John Murray of Touchadame.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, Archibald Alexschunder, James Schorte, John Miller.
Dean of guild: John Donaldsoun. *Deacon convener:* Robert Robertsone. *Treasurer:* Duncan Patersone.
Council:[2]

1597-8.—*Provost:* John Murray of Tuchadame.
Bailies: Walter Neische of Dubbettis, Archibald Alexshunder, James Schorte, Jhon Miller. (Miller being "seiklie" Duncan Patersone to supply his place "the time of his infirmitie").

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[1] See names printed in Charters and Documents, p. 217.
[2] See names printed in Charters and Documents, p. 222.

1597-8.—*Council:* Merchants—Walter Cowane, *dean of guild;* Robert Alexschunder, Andro Cowane, Jhone Donaldsone, Jhone Scherare, George Norvell, Williame Aysoun, Normand Blakwood. Craftsmen—Robert Robertsoun, *alias* Tennant, *convener;* Duncane Patersone, maltman; Andro Fergusoun, cordiner; Jhone Hendersone, baxster; Alexander Hutoun, skinner; Moreis Ewyn, webster; James Allane, flescher; Andro Thomsone, tailor.

Clerk: John Muschet.

1598-9.—*Provost:* John Murray of Tuchadame.

Bailies: Walter Neishe of Dubbettis, Archibald Alschunder, James Shoirt, Johne Millar.

Council: Merchants—Walter Cowane, *dean of guild;* Robert Alexshunder, Andro Cowane, Duncane Patersone, Johne Sherar, James Gardner, George Norwell, Williame Aissoun. Craftsmen—Robert Robeson, *alias* Tennant, *convener;* Andro Andirsoune, baxter; James Stevinsoun, maltman; Alexander Robesoun, flesher; John Cuthbert, skinner; Robert Houston, cordiner; James M'Lellane, tailor; Moreis Ewing, webster.

For the *omne gadderum:* Johne Marshell, litster; Archibald Smithe, notar.

Clerk: Andro Buchanane.

1599-1600.—*Provost:* "The richt honorabill Johne Murray of Touchadame."

Bailies: Walter Neishe of Westir Dubheittis, John Patirsone, James Castellaw, William Edmond.

Council: Merchants—Archibald Alschunder, *dean of guild;* Walter Cowane, Duncan Paterson, George Noruall, John Donaldson, Williame Aisson, Archibald Allan, younger, Johne Gawie. Craftsmen—Johnn Hendirsone, *convener;* Alexander Robieson, flescher; Alexander Browne, webster; James M'Lellan, tailor; Thomas Downy, smith; Henry Gourlay, skinner; Robert Houston, cordiner.

Ald baillies: James Schort, Johnn Millar.

Omne gaddrum: Johnn Merschell, litstar; Robert Forrestar of Boquhan, Thomas Mitschell.

Clerk: Andro Buchanan, who appointed Johne Adamson his depute.

Treasurer: George Norvall.

1600-1.—*Provost:* John Murray of Touchadame.

Bailies: Walter Neische, Archibald Alschunder, Johnn Donaldson, William Edmond.

Council: Merchants—James Schort, *dean of guild;* Johnn Sinclair, Archibald Allan, yongar; William Broig, George Noruall, Arthoure Houstoun, Thomas Yong, Eduard Hall. Craftsmen—Johnn Hendirson, *deacon convener;* Thomas Reid, Thomas Downie, Andro Fergusson, Alexander Benny, David Airthe, James M'Lellane, James Stevinsoun, visitour for the maltmen.

Clerk: John Williamson. *Clerk depute:* John Adamson.

Treasurer: George Norwall.

1601-2.—*Provost:* "The rycht honorabill Johnne Murray of Touchadame."

Bailies: Cuthbert Cunynghame, Archibald Alschunder, James Castellaw, William Edmond.

Council: Merchants—James Schort, *dean of guild;* Mr. Robert Murray, Johnne Sinclare, Walter Cowane, William Broge, Archibald Allane, notare, Johnne Gawie, Thomas Young. Craftsmen—Johnne Henryson, deacon of the baxters; Thomas Downy, deacon of the hammermen; Thomas Coupare, deacon of the tailors; Alexander Robertsoun, deacon of the fleshers; Johnne Cuthbert, deacon of the skinners; Johnne Hall, deacon of the cordiners; Alexander Benny, deacon of the websters; Archibald Smith, visitour of the maltmen.

Clerk: Johnne Williamson.

Treasurer: Walter Cowane.

Master of Works: James Shorte.

1602-3.—*Provost:* John Murray of Touchadame.

Bailies: Cuthbert Cuninghame, Archibald Alschunder, James Castellaw, Williame Edmond.

Council: Merchants—James Schorte, *dean of guild;* Walter Nesche of Wester Dubheidis; Mr. Robert Murray, commissar of Stirling; George Norwell, merchand; John Donaldsoun, merchand; Williame Broge, chirurgean; Archibald Allane, younger; Eduard Hall, merchand. Craftsmen—Robert Robertson *alias* Tennent, peuderar, *convener;* Christopher Carnes, baxter; Thomas Couper, tailor; Alexander Benny, webster; Johnne

1602-3. Halle, cordiner; James Gib, skinner, Thomas Reid, flesher; Archibald Smyth, visitor of maltmen.

Treasurer: Walter Cowane.

1603-4.—*Provost:* Adame, commendatare of the abbacie of Cambuskenneth.

Bailies: Cuthbert Cunynghame, James Schorte, James Castellaw, Williame Edmond.

Council: Merchants—Duncan Paterson, *dean of guild;* Johnne Donaldson, Walter Cowane, George Norwell, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter Neshe, Archibald Allane, writer; Johnne Gay; [this name deleted, and "depairtit" written opposite], Robert Seytoun [added in same writing]. Craftsmen—Robert Robertsoun *alias* Tennent, convener and deacon of the hammermen; Christopher Carnes, baxter; Thomas Reid, flesher; Thomas Scott, tailor; Andro Fergussoun, cordiner; Johnne Cuthbert, skinner; Alexander Benny, wobster; Archibald Smith, visitour of the maltmen.

Clerk: Johnne Williamson.

Treasurer: Archibald Allane.

1604-5.—*Provost:* Johnne Murray of Touchadame.

Bailies: Cuthbert Cunynghame, James Schort, James Castellaw, Williame Edmond.

Council: Merchants—Duncane Paterson, *dean of guild;* Archibald Alexander, Walter Cowane, Robert Seytoun, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter Neshe, George Norwell, Archibald Allane, elder. Craftsmen—John Cuthbert, *convener;* Robert Robertson *alias* Tennant, smythe; Christopher Carrnes, baxter; Johnne Layng, under the porte, maltman; Thomas Reid, flesher; Andro Fergussoun, cordiner; Andro Thomeson, tailor; Walter Blaikburne, webster.

Omnigadrum: Johne Cunynghame, Andro Kilbowie.

Old Bailies: Andro Cowane, Johnne Donaldsoun.[1]

1605-6.—*Provost:* Johne Murray of Touchadame.

Bailies: Cuthbert Cunynghame, James Castellaw, Walter Neische, Williame Edmond.

Council: Merchants—Duncane Patersone, *dean of guild;* Robert Seytoun, Archibald Alschunder, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter

[1] See Act of Council, 17 December 1604, p. 112.

1605-6. Cowane, George Norwell, Johne Russell, Arthour Houstoun. Craftsmen—Johne Cuthbert, *convener;* Johne Layng, visitor of the maltmen; Alexander Broun, webster; Alexander Robesone, flesher; Robert Bruce, hammerman; Andro Andersone, baxter; Robert Houstoun, cordiner; Thomas Coupare, tailor.

Old bailies: James Schoirte, Johne Donaldsoun.

Omnigadrum: Johne Cunynghame, Andro Kilbowy.

1606-7.—*Provost:* John Murray of Touchadam.

Bailies: James Schort, John Scherar, Johne Cunyngham, Archibald Smyth.

Council: Merchants—Duncan Patersoun, *dean of guild;* Walter Cowane, merchant; Mr. Robert Murray, George Norwell, merchant; Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, elder, Alexander Allane, merchant, Edward Hutton. Craftsmen—John Henryson, baxter, *convener;* Thomas Coupare, tailor; Thomas Downie, smith; Walter Blaikburne, webster; Alexander Huttoun, skinner; William Burne, cordiner; Johne Layng, maltman; Alexander Robertson, flesher.

Clerk depute: Johne Adam.

1607-8.—*Provost:* Johnne Murray of Touchadame.

Bailies: Johnne Sherare, Archibald Smyth, Johnne Cunynghame, Christopher Alexander.

Council: Merchants—Duncane Paterson, *dean of guild;* Robert Seytoun, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter Cowane, George Norwall, James Short, Alexander Bachope, James Robertsone. Craftsmen — John Henrysoun, *convener;* Alexander Robertsoun, flesher; Thomas Downie, smith; Williame Burne, cordiner; Williame Buntene, tailor; Alexander Udene, skinner; Alexander Benny, webster; Alexander Thomsoun, maltman.

Clerk: Johne Williamsoun.

1608-9.—*Provost:* John Murray of Touchadam.

Bailies: Christopher Alexander, John Scherare, Archibald Smythe, John Cunynghame.

Dean of guild: James Short.

Council: Merchants—Duncane Patersoun, George Norwell, Alexander Bachope, James Robertsoun, Walter Cowane, Robert Erskine, Archibald Allane, younger. Crafts—James M'Clellane, tailor, *convener;*

1608-9. Alexander Robertsoun, flesher; Johne Andersone, baxter; William Burne, cordiner; John Bruce, hammerman; Alexander Benny, webster; George Drummond, skinner; George Fogo, maltman.

Clerk: John Williamsone.

1609-10.—*Provost:* James Shorte, merchant.

Bailies: Johnne Sherer, Johnne Cunynghame, Walter Cowane, Johnne Henrison.

Council: Merchants—Duncane Patersoun, *dean of guild;* Archibald Allane, younger; George Norwall, James Robertsoun, Archibald Allane, elder; Alexander Allane, Johnne Johnestoun, Andro Sandis. Craftsmen — James M'Clellane, tailor, *convener;* Christopher Cairnes, baxter; Johne Bruce, saddler; George Drummond, skinner; Andro Fergussoun, cordiner; Johnne Hog, flesher; Walter Blakburne, webster; George Fogo, maltman.

Treasurer: James Robertsoun, merchant.

Clerk: Johne Williamsone. *Clerk depute:* Alexander Barclay.

1610-1.[1]—*Provost:* James Shorte.

Bailies: Walter Cowane, Johne Sherare, Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, younger.

Dean of Guild: Duncan Patersone.

Treasurer: George Crawfurde.

Clerk: Johne Williamsoun.

1611-2.—*Provost:* James Short.

Bailies: Walter Cowane, Johne Sherer, Johnne Cuninghame, Johnne Cowane.

Dean of Guild: Duncan Paterson.

Treasurer: Archibald Allane, younger.

1612-3.—*Provost:* Duncan Patersone.

Bailies: Christopher Alexander, Johne Cunynghame, Archibald Allane, younger, George Norwell.

Dean of Guild: Johnne Sherer.

Treasurer and Master of Work: Alexander Allane.

Clerk: John Williamson.

1613-4.—*Provost:* Duncane Patersoun.

Bailies: Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, Johnne Cuninghame, Alexander Allan.

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[1] Subsequent to 1610 names of the "council" are omitted in this list.

1613-4.—*Dean of Guild:* John Sherer.
Treasurer: Thomas Bachope.
Clerk: Johnne Williamsone.

1614-5.—*Provost:* Duncane Patersone.
Bailies: Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, Johnne Cunynghame, Alexander Allane.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Sherare.
Treasurer: Thomas Bachop.
Clerk: Johne Williamsone.

1615-6.—*Provost:* James Short.
Bailies: Johnne Sherer, Archibald Allane, Walter Cowane, James Robertsoun.
Dean of Guild: Christopher Alexander.
Treasurer: William Fothringhame.
Clerk: Johne Williamsone. *Clerk depute:* Johnne Robein.

1616-7.—*Provost:* James Short.
Bailies: Johnne Sherer, Christopher Alexander, James Forester, Alexander Allan.
Dean of Guild: Walter Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Works: Williame Fothringhame.
Clerk: Johnne Williamson. *Clerk depute:* Johnne Robene.

1617-8.—*Provost:* James Short.
Bailies: John Sherer, James Forester, Johnne Johnnestoun, Duncan Watsoun.
Dean of Guild: Walter Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Andro Sandis.
Clerk: Johne Williamsone. *Depute:* John Robene.

1618-9.—*Provost:* James Short.
Bailies: Johnne Sherer, James Forester, Johnne Johnnestoun, Duncan Watsoun.
Dean of Guild: Walter Cowane.
Treasurer: Andro Sandis.
Clerk: Johnne Williamson.

1619-20.—*Provost:* James Schorte.
Baillies: Johnne Sherer, Christopher Alexander, Johnne Johnnestoun, Duncane Watsoun.
Dean of Guild: Walter Cowane.

1619-20.—*Treasurer:* William Muirheid.
Clerk: John Williamson.

1620-1.—*Provost:* Duncane Paterson.
Bailies; Christopher Alexander, David Stevinsoun, James Robertsoun, Alexander Allane.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Sherer.
Treasurer: Williame Mureheid.
Clerk: Johnne Williamsone. *Depute:* Johnne Robeine.

1621-2.—*Provost:* Johnne Scherer.
Bailies: Johnne Johnestoun, Andro Sandis, David Stevinsone, James Forester.
Dean of Guild: Christopher Alexander.
Treasurer: Thomas Bachope.

1622-3.—*Provost:* Johnne Scherare.
Bailies: Johnne Johnestoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis, James Robertsoun.
Dean of Guild: Christopher Alexander.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Robert Broun.
Clerk: Johnne Williamsone. *Depute:* David Williamsone.

1623-4.—*Provost:* Johnne Sherar.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnestoun, James Robertsoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis.
Dean of Guild: Alexander Allane.
Treasurer: Robert Broun.
Clerk: Johnne Williamsone. *Depute:* Johnne Williamsone (his son).

1624-5.—*Provost:* John Sherar.
Bailies: James Robesoun, Johnne Johnnestoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis.
Dean of Guild and Master of Work: Johne Cowane.
Treasurer: Andro Young.

1625-6.—*Provost:* Johnne Sherer.
Bailies: James Robertsoun, Johnne Johnnestoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer: Andro Young.
Clerk: Johnne Williamson.

1626-7.—*Provost:* James Short.
Bailies: James Robiesoun, Thomas Bruce, John Squyer, Andro Sandis.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Johnne M'Nair.
Clerk: Johnne Williamsoun. *Depute:* David Williamson.

1627-8.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: James Robesoun, Johnne Johnnesoun, David Stevinsoun, Johnne Squyre.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: John M'Nair.
Clerk: Johnne Robein.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson, notary.

1628-9.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnstoun, David Stevinsoun, Johnne Squyar, William Muirhead.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: James Fothringhame.
Clerk: Johnne Robein.

1629-30.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnstoun, David Stevinsoun, Johnne Squyar, Williame Muirhead.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: James Fothringhame.
Clerk: Johne Robene.

1630-1.—*Provost:* Johnne Scherar.
Bailies: James Robesoun, Walter Cowan, James Fotheringhame, Andro Young.
Dean of Guild: David Stevinsoun.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Patrick Sword.
Clerk: Johnne Robene.

1631-2.—*Provost:* Johnne Scherar.
Bailies: Dauid Stevinsoun, Johnne Johnstoun, James Fothringhame, Andro Young.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Patrick Sword.
Clerk: John Robene.
Procurator-Fiscal: Johnne Adamson.

1632-3.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: David Stevinsone, Walter Cowane, James Fothringhame, Johnne Squyar.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Thomas Andirsone.
Clerk: Johnne Robene.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1633-4.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: David Stevinsone, Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyer, James Fothringhame.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowane.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Thomas Andersone.
Clerk: Johnne Williamsone.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1634-5.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, Andro Sandis, Johnne Johnnestoun, James Fothringhame.
Dean of Guild: David Stevinson.
Treasurer: James Robertsoun, younger.
Clerk: Johnne Williamson.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1635-6.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, Johnne Johnstoun, James Fothringhame, Johnne Squyer.
Dean of Guild: David Stevinson.
Treasurer and Master of Work: James Robertson.
Clerk: John Williamson.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1636-7.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnestoun, Johnne Squyar, James Fotheringhame, James Robertsoun, younger.
Dean of Guild: David Stevinsoun.
Treasurer: Johnne Russall.
Clerk: Johnne Williamson.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1637-8.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnstoun, Johnne Squyar, James Fothringhame, James Robesoun.

1637-8.—*Dean of Guild:* David Stevinsoun.
Treasurer: Johnne Russell.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1638-9.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnstoun, Johnne Squyare, Walter Cowane, James Robertsoun.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Williame Broun.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1639-40.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnstoun, Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyare, James Robertsoun.
Dean of Guild: James Fotheringhame.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Williame Browne.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1640-1.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnstoun, Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyare, James Robertsoun.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.
Treasurer: Johnne Stevinsoun.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1641-2.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyer, James Robertsoun, younger Johnne Russell.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.
Treasurer: Johnne Stevinsoun.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Adamson.

1642-3.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, James Robertsoun, Johnne Russell, William Broun.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringham.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Colene Lapslie.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Gawie.

1643-4.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce of Waltoun.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, James Robertsone, Johnne Russell, Williame Broun.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.

1643-4.—*Treasurer:* Coline Lapslie.
Clerk: David Forrester.
Procurator-Fiscal: John Gawie.

1644-5.—*Provost:* Capitane Johnne Short.
Bailies: Johnne Johnnsoun, Williame Broun, Johnne Stevinsone, Johnne Liddell.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.
Treasurer and Master of Work: Thomas Bachope.
Clerk: David Williamsoun.

1645-6.—*Provost:* Johnne Schort.
Bailies: Walter Cowane, Johnne Russell, Duncane Nairne, Robert Young.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.
Treasurer: Thomas Bachop.
Clerk: Johnne Robene.
Procurator-Fiscal: James Keir.

1646-7.—*Provost:* Johnne Schort.
Bailies: Johnne Cowan, Thomas Bachop, Duncan Nairne, Robert Young.
Dean of Guild: James Fothringhame.
Treasurer: Andro Baird.
Clerk: Johnne Robene.
Procurator-Fiscal: James Keir.

1647-8.—*Provost:* Johnne Schort.
Bailies: Duncan Nairne, Robert Young, Thomas Bachop, Christopher Russall.
Dean of Guild: John Cowan.
Treasurer: Andro Baird.
Clerk: Johnne Robene.
Procurator-Fiscal: James Keir.

1648-9.—*Provost:* Thomas Bruce.
Bailies: Duncane Nairne, Thomas Bachop, Christopher Russall, Robert Stevinsoun.
Dean of Guild: Johnne Cowan.
Treasurer: Johnne Robertsone.
Clerk: Johnne Robene.
Procurator-Fiscal: James Keir.

1649-50.—*Provost:* Johnne Schort.

Bailies: Duncane Nairne, Thomas Bachop, Robert Stevinsoun, Andro Baird.

Dean of Guild: Robert Young.

Treasurer: Johnne Robertsoun.

Clerk: Johnne Robene.

Procurator-Fiscal: James Keir.

1650-1.—*Provost:* Johnne Schort.

Baillies: Robert Young, Thomas Bachop, Robert Stevinsoun, Johnne Crawfurde.

Dean of Guild: Duncane Nairne.

Treasurer: Alexander Fergussoun.

Clerk: Johnne Robene.

1651-2 (30 *September*).—*Provost:* Johne Schort.

Bailies: Robert Stevinsone, Androw Baird, Johne Robertsone, Alexander Burne.

Dean of Guild: Duncane Nairne.

Treasurer: Alexander Fergusone.

(20 *April*).—*Provost:* Johne Schort.

Bailies: Christopher Russall, Androw Baird, Johne Robertsone, Alexander Burne.

Dean of Guild: Thomas Bachop.

Treasurer: Alexander Fergusone.

"All which persones . . . were sworne be Lieutennant Colonell Pick, conforme to the tennour of his commissioun."[1]

1652-3.—*Provost:* Johne Schort.

Bailies: Christopher Russell, Allexander Burne, James Stevinsone, Allexander Fergusone.

Dean of Guild: Thomas Bachop.

Treasurer: Johne M'Nair.

Clerk: Williame Barclay.

1653-4.—*Provost:* David Forrester of Denovan.

Bailies: Christopher Russall, Androw Baird, Johne Robertsone, Allexander Burne.

Dean of Guild: Duncane Nairne.

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[1] See also act of council 21 April 1652, p. 202.

1653-4.—*Treasurer:* Johne M'Nair.
Clerk: Williame Barclay.
1654-5.—No election.
1655-6.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: Alexander Burne, Johne Buchannan, Robert Burne, Johne M'Nair.
Dean of Guild: Robert Young.
Treasurer: Androw Buchannan.
Clerk: Williame Barclay.
1656-7.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: Allexander Burne, Johne Buchannan, Robert Burne, Johne M'Nair.
Dean of Guild: Robert Young.
Treasurer: George Hendersone.
Clerk: Williame Barclay.
1657-8.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: Robert Burne, Johne M'Nair, James Stevinsone, Androw Buchannan.
Dean of Guild: Duncan Nairne.
Treasurer: George Henderson.
Clerk: Williame Barclay.
1658-9.—*Provost:* Duncane Nairne.
Bailies: John Buchanan, James Stevinsone, Androw Buchanan, Robert Russell.
Dean of Guild: Robert Burne.
Treasurer: Thomas Andersone.
Clerk: James Norie.
1659-60.—*Provost:* Duncan Nairne.
Bailies: John Buchannane, James Stevinsone, Andrew Buchannan, Robert Russell.
Dean of Guild: Robert Burne.
Treasurer: Thomas Andersone.
Clerk: James Norie.
1660-1.—*Provost:* Duncan Nairne.
Bailies: Robert Burne, John M'Nair, Robert Russall, Thomas Andersone.
Dean of Guild: James Stevinsone.

1660-1.—*Treasurer:* James Russell.
Clerk: James Norie.

1661-2.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: Robert Burne, John M'Nair, Robert Russell, Thomas Anderson.
Dean of Guild: James Stevinsone.
Treasurer: James Russell.
Clerk: James Norie.

1662-3.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: Robert Burne, John Macknair, Robert Russell, Thomas Anderson.
Dean of Guild: James Stevinsone.
Treasurer: Alexander Allane.
Clerk: James Norie.

1663-4.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: Robert Burne, Johne Macknair, Robert Russell.
Dean of Guild: James Stevinsone.
Treasurer: Alexander Allane.
Clerk: James Norie.

1664-5.—*Provost:* Duncan Nairne.
Bailies: Robert Russell, James Russell, Robert Johnstone, John Duncane.
Dean of Guild: James Stevinsone.
Treasurer: Duncan Watson, eldar.
Clerk: James Norie.

1665-6.—*Provost:* Duncane Nairn.
Bailies: Robert Russell, Robert Johnstone, John Duncane.
Dean of Guild: James Stevinsone.
Treasurer: Duncan Watsone.
Clerk: James Norie.

1666-7.—*Provost:* Robert Stevinsone.
Bailies: John Macknair, James Stevinson, Thomas Anderson, James Keir.
Dean of Guild: James Russell.
Treasurer: James Brown.
Clerk: James Norie.

III.—RENTALL OF THE COMMOUN LANDIS PERTEANING TO THE BURGHE OF STERLING, SETT DOUNE IN MAY 1652.

Auld Mure.

The aires of umquhile Mr. Johne Cowane for ten aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to umquhile Walter Cowane, his father, and of auld to Johne Schaw of Broitche, - - - -	£5	0	0
Mair, the saidis aires of John Cowane for twa aikeris and ane half of land quhilk perteanit of before to Johne Adamesone, notare, -	1	5	0
Johne Schort for aucht aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of auld to Robert Forrester, - - - - - - -	4	0	0
Mair, the said Johne Schort for tua aikeris and ane half of land quhilk perteanit of auld to Hendrie Milne, - - -	1	5	10
Mair, the said Johne Schort for tua aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of auld to John Cowane, - - - - - - -	1	0	0
Francis Durehame of Duntarvie for thrie aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of auld to Alexander Kinked, - - - -	1	10	0
Mair, the said Francis Durhame for fyftene aikeris of land callit the Braikinhouse, - - - - - - -	4	16	6
Thomas Nairne for tua aikeris and ane half of land, - - -	1	5	0
Duncan Nairne for ane aiker of land, - - - - -	0	10	0
James Robertsone, cordinar, for foure aiker of land quhilk perteanit of before to James Robertsone, fleshour, - - - -	2	0	0
The aires of James Millar for tua aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to William Grahame of Panhollis, - - - -	1	1	0
The aires of Duncane Patersone for seavin aikeris of land, - -	3	10	0
The aires of Walter Neische for tua aikeris of land, - - -	1	0	0
James Lawrie for thrie aikeris of land, - - - -	1	10	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£29	13	4

New Mure.

The aires of Walter Neische for thrie aikeris of land, - - -	£1	1	0
John Schort for aucht aikeris of land, - - - -	2	16	0
The aires of James Millar for aucht aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to Robert Grahame of Panholles, - - - -	2	19	0
James Lawrie for seavin aikeris of land quhilk perteanit sumtyme to Androw Lawrie, merchand, - - - - -	2	9	0

Duncan Muresone for ane aiker of land - - - -	£0	7	0
James Buchannan, father brother sone and aire to Robert Buchannan, litstar, for thrie aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to Thomas Bennie, - - - - - - - - -	1	10	0
The landis of Unelandis quhilk perteanit sumtyme to William Allexander and now to Allexander Schaw, - - - -	3	0	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£14	2	0

The Park Aikeris.

The aires of Johne Allane wha was sone aire of Archibald Allane, merchand, for foure aikeris of land, - - - - -	£2	0	0
The aires of Johne Stewart, merchand, for thrie aikeris and ane half of land with ane perte wast land quhilk perteanit of before to the laird of Auchinbowie, - - - - - - -	4	0	0
The over hospitall of Sterling, callit Cowanes hospitall, for tua aikeris of land, callit Justinflattes, perteaning of before to the laird of Auchinbowie, - - - - - - - -	1	0	0
The aires of James Watsone, maltman, for thrie aikeris and ane half of land, - - - - - - -	2	0	0
The Nether Hospitall of Sterling for seavin aikeris of land, - -	3	10	0
The aires of Johne Cowane for tua aikeris of land, - - -	2	0	0
The aires of Patrik Justice for tua aikeris of land callit Justinflattes, -	2	0	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£16	10	0

David Forrester of Denovane for the landis of Borrowmedow, - -	£10	0	0
The laird of Urquhill for the landis of Spittall, - - -	13	6	8
The aires of Patrik Justice for the landis of Spitall myre, - -	2	0	0
The over Hospitall, callit Cowanes hospitall, for the Ladye land and Ladye rig, - - - - - - - -	2	0	0
The said over Hospital for the croftis and uther landis disponit be umquhile Mr. David Forrester, - - - - -	10	5	0
The aires of William Lamb for the Rude Croft quhilk perteanit of auld to James Wallace, notare, - - - - -	8	4	4
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£45	16	0

The annuelles of the rude altar, - - - - -	£5	3	4
The hous and yaird perteaning to Robert Matisone, travellour,- -	3	8	4
The hous nixt to the churche now perteaning to the Erle of Mar and of auld to Walter Geagie, - - - - - - -	4	0	0
The hous of umquhile Allexander Stevinsone at the head of the Freer Wynd, - - - - - - - - -	2	0	0
Foure voltis under the tolbuithe, - - - - -	32	0	0
Ane uther volt under the tolbuithe presentlie possest be David Nicoll,	12	6	8
The voltis of the New Port, - - - - - -	4	0	0
The hous at the entrie of Bellis Close on the nether syde thairof now perteaning to David Fergusone, fleshour in Touche, - -	0	6	8
The hous in Bellis Close new perteaning to the aires of Johne Murray,	5	0	0
The houssis in Bellis Close perteaning to Robert Young, merchand, -	2	10	0
The foir hous perteaning to Christopher Russall, baxter, - -	1	13	4
The hous at the entrie of Bellis Close, on the upper syde thairof, perteaning to Robert Young and of before to Allexander Huttoune, skinner, - - - - - - - - -	0	16	8
The hous callit Lawries turnepyk, now perteaning to Johne Hendrie, tailyeour, and of before to Androw Lawrie, merchand, -	0	9	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£73	14	0

St. Lawrance Altar.

The aires of Patrik Justice for St. Lawrance croft, - - -	£4	2	0
The aires of Duncane Patersone for the nedmest buithe under the laird of Keires ludgeing, - - - - - - -	3	0	0
John Schort for the buithe sumtyme perteaning to Johne Cowane, lyand on the north syde of the entrie of Keire's ludgeing, -	2	0	0
The said John Schort for ane uther buithe under the said ludgeing, -	1	16	0
The baxteris for the clos and houssis whair the baikhous standis, -	0	5	0
The aires of Williame Esplene for the house nixt adjacent to Lawries turnepyk, - - - - - - - - -	0	5	0
The aires of James Hendersone, baxter, [for property] lying at the foot of the bakraw, - - - - - - - -	0	5	0
Johne Schort for tua pieces of waistis in the Eister Craiges, - -	0	3	0
James Easson for his hous and yaird in the Quhinnes, - - -	0	10	0

The laird of Polmais for ane aiker of land perteaning of before to Christopher Cairnes, - - - - - - -	£0	10	0
St. Marnokes Chappell and yaird at the brig, - - - -	2	0	0
The aires of Androw Jalfray for the hous and yaird at the foote of the Freer Wynd, - - - - - - - -	2	0	0
For ane aiker of land in Guscroft, pertenyng to Androw Steinson, maltman, - - - - - - - - -	0	10	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£17	6	0

ROLL OF THE GRUND ANNUELLES OF AULD DEW TO ST. JAMES' AND ST. THOMAS' ALTARES WITHIN THE KIRK OF STERLING AND NOW PERTEANING TO THE SAID BURGHE, YEIRLIE TO BE UPLIFTED.

Furthe of these landis at the brig of Sterling sumtyme perteaning to Williame Monteathe of Randiford, thairefter to Mr. Johne Rollo, commissar of Dumblane, - - - - - - -	£2	18	0
Furthe of that tenement of land lyand at the head of the Marie Wynd of the said burghe sumtyme perteaning to Duncane Forrester of Queinshauch, - - - - - - - -	0	5	6
Furthe of that tenement of land, bak and foir, with the yaird and pertinentis, lyand at Craiges Clos, sumtyme perteaning to the aires of Johne Russall and William Stevinsone, thairefter to Johne Williamsone, shereff and toune clerk of Sterling, and now to John Williamsone his oye, ane obeit or grund annuell of, -	1	14	0
Furthe of that bak tenement of land sumetyme perteaning to Androw Fergusone, - - - - - - - -	0	10	0
Furthe of that land doune from the Dall wall, sumtyme perteaning to the laird of Kippenros, - - - - - - -	0	6	8
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme pertaining to Allexander Broune, - - - - - - - - -	0	6	0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to David Grahame, - - - - - - - - -	0	10	0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to Duncane Mairschell, - - - - - - - -	0	9	0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to Michell Donaldsone, - - - - - - - -	0	5	0

Furthe of that croft of land on the southe syde of the borrow mylne perteaning to umquhile Elizabethe Allexander, - - -	£0	1	6
Furthe of that uther croft of land lyand on the northe syde of the said borrow milne, - - - - - - - -	0	10	8
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Androw Forsythe, lorimer,-	0	13	4
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to umquhile Johne Gib *alias* Whyte Johne - - - - - - - -	0	6	8
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Duncane Kirkwood, -	0	2	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Robert Gray, - -	0	2	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Robert Ritchardsone, -	0	8	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Patrik M'Dickone, -	0	8	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to William Esplene, cultellar,	0	5	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Thomas Lawsone, - -	0	16	0
Furthe of that land doune the Baxter Wynd sumtyme perteaning to James Henryesone, - - - - - - -	0	14	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Allexander Patersone lyand at Brandiswell, - - - - - - -	0	10	0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to Johne Grahame,	2	6	8
Summa totalis yeirlie, - -	£14	8	0

IV.—TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS.[1]

Part I.—1520-62.

Date.	"Staigs and revenues of the fair."	Date.	"Staigs and revenues of the fair."
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1520, September 3,	10 3 4	1528, September 4,	8 10 0
1521, ,, 5,	10 10 0	1529, ,, 7,	9 6 8
1522, ,, 5,	7 13 4	1554, ,, 7,	6 13 4
1523, ,, 7,	8 13 4	1555, ,, 7,	6 13 4
1524, ,, 5,	11 16 8	1556, ,, 7,	10 0 0
1525, ,, 4,	11 0 0	1561, ,, 6,	9 6 8
1526, August 27,	9 0 0	1562.[2]	
1527, September 6,	9 6 8		

[1] Stirling Fair for the sale of "staigs" or horses appears to have been of some repute from very early times. In the public record office, London, there is preserved a document dated 14 August, 1276, narrating that the King's (Edward I. of England) valet William fitz Glaye is sending his servants to the fair of Stirling, to buy horses and other animals for his use.—*Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland*, vol. ii., No. 79.

[2] 7 Sept. 1562.—The baillies and counsall hes condiscendit that tua s. be gaderit of every staig, conforme to use and wont thir xxty yeris bigan, to be deliverit to the thesaurare to mak compt to the toun.—*Charters and Documents*, p. 209.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS.

PART II.—1595-1648.

DATE.	First Fair.			Staigs.			DATE.	Latter Fair.			Staigs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1595, Sept. 6,	10	0	0	12	0	0	1595, Oct. 21,	9	0	0	...		
1596, ,, 7,	10	0	0	12	0	0	1596, ,, ,,	8	0	0	...		
1598, ,, ,,	10	0	0	12	0	0	1598, ,, ,,	8	0	0	...		
1599, ,, ,,	12	3	4	12	6	8	1599, ,, 20,	8	0	0	...		
1600, ,, 5,	11	0	0	12	0	0	1600, ,, 21,	8	0	0	...		
1601, ,, 7,	8	0	0	12	0	0	1601, ,, ,,	6	13	4	...		
1602, ,, ,,	8	0	0	12	0	0	1602, ,, ,,	5	6	8	...		
1603, ,, 9,	7	13	4	11	0	0	1603, ,, ,,	6	0	0	...		
1604, ,, 7,	5	6	8	...			1604, ,, 19,	5	6	8	...		
1605, ,, ,,	5	6	8	8	0	0	1605, ,, 21,	6	13	4	...		
1607, ,, ,,	5	0	0	6	0	0	1607, ,, 22,	5	6	8	...		
1609, ,, 7,	5	6	8	8	0	0	1609, ,, 20,	6	13	4	...		
1610, ,, ,,	6	13	4	8	0	0	1610, ,, ,,	6	13	4	...		
1611, ,, 6,	6	13	4	8	0	0	1611, ,, 21,	5	13	4	..		
1612, ,, 7,	6	0	0	8	0	0	1612, ,, ,,	6	0	0	...		
1613, ,, ,,	6	13	4	8	13	4	1613, ,, ,,	6	0	0	...		
1614, ,, ,,	6	0	0	8	0	0	1614, ,, ,,	6	0	0	..		
1615, ,, 6,	6	13	4	8	0	0	1615, ,, ,,	6	13	4	...		
1616, ,, 7,	6	13	4	8	0	0	1616, ,, ,,	6	0	0	...		
1617, ,, 5,	7	6	8	9	0	0	1617, ,, ,,	6	0	0	...		
1618, ,, 7,	6	13	4	8	0	0	1618, ,, ,,	6	6	8	...		
1619, ,, ,,	6	13	4	9	0	0	1619, ,, 20,	6	6	8	...		
1620, ,, ,,	8	0	0	10	0	0	1620, ,, ,,	6	13	4	...		
1621, ,, ,,	20	0	0	13	6	8	1621, ,, 19,	10	13	4	...		
1622, ,, ,,	...			13	6	8	1622, ,, 21,	11	6	8	...		
1623, ,, 6,	20	0	0	13	6	8	1623, ,, ,,	11	6	8	...		

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS—*Continued.*

PART II.—1624-1648.

Date.	First Fair.			Staigs.			Date.	Latter Fair.			Staigs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1624, ,, 7,	20	0	0	13	6	8	1624, ,, 21,	10	13	4	...		
1625, ,, ,,	22	0	0	15	0	0	1625, ,, ,,	16	0	0	...		
1626, ,, 4,	22	0	0	15	0	0	1626, ,, 20,	16	0	0	...		
1627, ,, 7,	22	0	0	15	0	0	1627, ,, ,,	16	0	0	...		
1628, ,, 5,	24	0	0	16	0	0	1628, ,, 21,	16	13	4	3	0	0
1629, ,, 7,	24	0	0	16	0	0	1629, ,, ,,	16	13	4	3	0	0
1630, ,, ,,	...			16	0	0	1630, ,, ,,	33	0	0	3	6	8
1631, ,, ,,	25	0	0	19	0	0	1631, ,, ,,	25	0	0	3	6	8
1632, ,, ,,	26	0	0	19	0	0	1632, ,, 19,	27	6	8	4	0	0
1633, ,, 6,	35	0	0	20	0	0	1633, ,, 21,	26	6	8	3	0	0
1634, ,, ,,	35	0	0	20	0	0	1634, ,, ,,	29	0	0	4	0	0
1635, ,, 7,	42[1]	0	0	22	0	0	1635, ,, 12,	36	0	0[2]	5	0	0
1636, ,, ,,	48	0	0	22	0	0	1636, ,, 21,	36	0	0	4	0	0
1637, ,, ,,	48	0	0	22	0	0	1637, ,, ,,	36	0	0	3	0	0
1638, ,, ,,	52	0	0	24	0	0	1638, ,, 19,	38	0	0	3	6	8
1639, ,, 6,	46	0	0	22	0	0	1639, ,, 21,	36	0	0	3	6	8
1640, ,, 7,	32	0	0	18	0	0	1640, ,, ,,	36	0	0	3	6	8
1641, ,, 6,	48	0	0	24	0	0	1641, ,, ,,	34	0	0	3	6	8
1642, ,, 7,	48	0	0	24	0	0	1642, ,, ,,	39	0	0	4	0	0
1643, ,, ...	40	0	0	24	0	0	1643, ,, 20,	39	6	8	4	0	0
1644, ...	...			..			1644, ,, 17,	28	0	0	4	0	0
1645, ...	...			...			1645, ...	...			...		
1646, ...	...			...			1646, ,, 21,	14	0	0	2	0	0
1647, ...	...			..			1647, ,, ,,	24	0	0	3	6	8
1648, ...	...			...			1648, ,, ,,	28	0	0	9	0	0

[1] At Barresyet or port, £21; at bridge, £21.
[2] At Barresyet or port, £16; at bridge, £20.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS.

PART III.—1649-66.

DATE.	New or First Fair.	DATE.	Second Fair.	DATE.	Third Fair.	Staigs.	DATE.	Latter Fair.	Staigs.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s.
1649, May 2,	[1]...	1649, July 19,	[2]...	1649, Sept. 6,	48 0 0	26 13 4	1649, Sept. 20,	40 0 0	11 0
1650, ,, 22,	10 0 0	1650,	...	1650,	...	...	1650, ,, 21,	...	...
1651,	...	1651,	...	1651,	...	...	1651, ,, ,,	8[3] 0 0	2 13
1652,	...	1652,	...	1652,	31 6 8	13 6 8	1652, ,, ,,	36 0 0	6 13
1653, ,, 19,	11 10 0	1653, July 14,	13 13 4	1653, Sept. 7,	29 0 0	8 0 0	1653, ,, 24,	48 0 0	6 13
1654, ,, 3,	7 3 4	1654, ,, 19,	12 18 0	1654, ,, ,,	30 0 0	10 0 0	1654, ,, 23,	80 0 0	14 0
1655, ,, 23,	16 13 4	1655, ,, 19,	22 0 0	1655, ,, 10,	56 13 4	29 0 0	1655, ,, 22,	75 0 0	16 0
1656,	...	...		1656, ,, ,,	70 0 0	28 0 0	1656, ,, 21,	88 0 0	16 0
1657, ,, 16,	10 13 4	1657, July 20,	16 0 0	1657, ,, 7,	56 0 0	20 0 0	1657, ,, ,,	78 0 0	12 0
1658,	...	1658, ,, 19,	22 0 0	1658, ,, ,,	95 6 8	24 0 0	1658, ,, ,,	87 0 0	17 0
1659, May 11,	13 0 0	1659, ,, 19,	29 0 0	1659, ,, ,,	89 0 0	30 13 4	1659, ,, 24,	86 0 0	12 0
1660, June 2,	14 12 10	1660, July 30,	27 0 0	1660, ,, 10,	92 0 0	30 0 0	1660, Oct. 22,	[4]109 19 8	12 0
1661, May 22,	16 6 8	1661, Aug. 10,	26 0 0	1661, ,, 9,	101 0 0	30 0 0	1661, ,, 21,	119 0 0	12 0
1662, ,, 7,	14 4 2	1662, July 21,	26 13 4	1662, ,, 8,	118 13 4	40 0 0	1662, ,, ,,	123 0 0	16 0
1663, ,, 27,	15 0 0	1663, ,, 20,	22 15 0	1663, ,, 7,	104 0 0	26 13 4	1663, ,, ,,	107 0 0	16 0
1664, ,, 18,	15 10 0	1664, ,, 19,	...	1664, ,, ,,	118 0 0	30 13 4	1664, ,, 24,	106 12 6	14 0
1665, ,,	...	1665, ,, 19,	22 0 0	1665, ,, ,,	85 0 0	30 0 0	1665, ,, 23,	90 0 0	14 0
1666, ,, 23,	20 0 0	1666, ,, ,,	30 6 8	1666, ,, 10,	89 0 0	27 6 8	1666, ,, 22,	90 0 0	14 0

[1] Not set this year. See 2 May 1649; p. 196.
[2] Not set, but £17 18s. 8d. collected. See 19 July, 1649; p. 196.
[3] In 1635 and subsequent years the dues at the bridge and at the Barresyet or port are let separately. In this year, 1651, the dues at the latter only were l
[4] Dues of latter fair not let in 1660, but this sum collected, viz., at bridge, £61 3s. 4d.; and at Barresyet or port, £48 16s. 4d.

V.—TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Part I.—1519-96.

Date.	Small customs.	The pecks and firlots.	Gait sweepings or dichtings.	Fishings in Water of Forth.	Fish skemmels or shambles.	Kings maill, grass maill, and stallage.	Haven silver.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1519-20, January 16,	...	...	...	10 0 0	...	...	...
1520, November	32 0 0	...	12 0 0	11 0 0	...	8 13 4	0 16 0
1521, Nov. & Dec.	32 13 4	...	10 0 0	11 0 0	...	8 6 8	0 19 0
1522, October 10,	32 0 0	...	10 0 0	...	...	9 3 4	1 0 0
1523, Nov. & Jan.	36 13 4	...	12 0 0	12 10 0	...	10 0 0	1 2 0
1524, November 12,	32 0 0	..	10 0 0	13 3 4	...	8 0 0	...
1525, ,, 3,	32 0 0	...	13 0 0	14 13 4	...	9 0 0	1 3 0
1526, ,, 8,	32 0 0	...	13 0 0	14 13 4	...	9 0 0	0 15 0
1527, Nov. & Dec.	32 0 0	...	14 6 8	17 6 8	...	9 6 8	1 1 0
1528, November 9,	32 0 0	...	13 6 8	15 6 8	...	9 6 8	1 0 0
1529, ,, 5,	32 0 0	...	12 0 0	..	...	9 6 8	2 0 0
1546, ,, 9,	69[1] 0 0	...	...	23 6 8	...	4 13 4	2 4 0
1547, October 26,	69 0 0	...	...	18[2] 0 0	...	...	...
1548, November 2,	53 6 8	...	...	18 0 0	...	...	1 16 0
1549, ,, 10,	53 6 8	...	...	18 0 0	5 0 0	4 13 4	1 15 0
1554, ,, ,,	60 0 0	...	...	26 0 0	4 0 0	5 10 0	...
1555, ,,	60 0 0	6 13 4	44 0 0	26 13 4	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 2 0
1556, ,, 9,	80 0 0	8 0 0	50 0 0	24 0 0	3 13 4	4 13 4	0 16 0
1560, ,, 11,	61 6 8	9 6 8	...	16 0 0	5 3 4	5 8 4	1 4 0
1561, ,, 7,	67 0 0	16 0 0	30 13 4	16 13 4	8 10 0	5 0 0	...
1562, ,, 10,	79 0 0	17 0 0	35 0 0	20 0 0	4 13 4	5 0 0	...
1563, ,, ,,	61 6 8	14 0 0	34 13 4	22 6 8	...	5 6 8	...
1564, ,, 3,	58 6 8	14 0 0	36 0 0	22 13 4	5 3 4	5 6 8	1 10 0
1595, ,, 10,	84 0 0	29 6 8	109 6 8	32 0 0	4 3 4	8 10 0	...
1596, ,, ,,	46 13 4	33 6 8	140 0 0	22 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	...

[1] Small customs set for five years for £69 yearly.
[2] Water of Forth set for 3 years at £18 yearly.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART II.—1597-1619.

DATE.	Small Customs.			New customs for repairing the bridge.[5]			Pecks and Firlots.			Gait dichtings.			Water of Forth.			Fish skemmils or shambles.			Kings maill, grass maill, and stallage.			New Impost of malt.[1]			Shore maill and anchorage.[2]		
	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D	£	S.	D.
1597, Nov. 10,	93	6	8		...		33	6	8	133	6	8	25	0	0	4	0	0	7	6	8		...			...	
1598-9, Jan. 12,		...		40	0	0		..			...			...			...			...			...			...	
1599, Nov. 10,	100	13	4	53	6	8	40	0	0	140	0	0	30	0	0	4	13	4	6	13	4		...			...	
1600, ,, 1,	103	13	4	73	6	8	40	0	0	120	0	0	30	0	0	8	6	8	6	13	4		...			...	
1601, ,, 10,	86	13	4	63	6	8	36	13	4	53	6	8	27	6	8	6	13	4	5	6	8		...			...	
1602, ,, 10,	90	0	0	67	0	0	42	0	0	53	6	8	28	0	0	8	13	4	8	10	0		...			...	
1603,[3] ,, 10,	46	13	4[6]	67	0	0	42	0	0	53	6	8	24	0	0	10	13	4	9	10	0		...			...	
1604, ,, 9,	100	0	0	70	0	0	45	0	0	100	0	0	30	13	4	9	6	8	7	3	4		...			...	
1605, ,, 9,	120	0	0	80	0	0	45	0	0	93	6	8	26	13	4	6	0	0	7	10	0		...			...	
1607, ,, 10,	100	0	0	64	0	0	40	0	0	80	0	0	47	6	8	6	13	4	6	0	0		...		60	0	0
1608, ,, 10,	102	0	0	62	0	0	33	6	8	80	0	0	40	0	0	8	0	0	5	6	8		...			...	
1609, ,, 10,	102	0	0	62	0	0	53	6	8	80	0	0	42	0	0	9	10	0	5	6	8		...		40	0	0
1610, ,, 9,	123	6	8	74	13	4	46	0	0	93	6	8	44	0	0	8	10	0	5	6	8		...		50	0	0
1611, ,, 8,	123	6	8	73	6	8	54	0	0	86	13	4		...		8	0	0	6	0	0		...		60	0	0
1612, ,, 10,	93	6	8	80	0	0	66	13	4	134	13	4[4]		...		8	0	0	6	0	0		...		73	6	8
1613, ,, 10,	136	0	0	80	0	0	88	13	4	135	6	8	80	0	0	7	0	0	6	0	0		...		74	0	0
1614, ,, 10,	137	6	8	80	0	0	94	0	0	133	6	8	90	0	0	6	13	4	6	0	0		...		66	13	4
1615, ,, 10,	138	0	0	80	13	4	96	0	0	134	0	0	56	0	0	6	0	0		...			...		60	0	0
1616, ,, 11,	140	0	0	82	13	4	114	13	4	146	13	4	56	0	0	6	0	0	10	0	0	146	13	4	40	0	0
1617, ,, 10,	146	13	4	86	13	4	116	13	4	170	0	0		...		6	0	0	5	0	0	168	0	0	40	0	0
1618, ,, 10,	160	0	0	90	0	0	140	0	0	180	0	0	26	13	4	6	0	0	5	6	8	182	0	0	42	13	4
1619, ,, 9,	160	0	0	90	0	0	120	0	0	133	6	8	26	13	4	6	0	0	5	6	8	160	0	0	30	0	0

1 The impost of malt was levied in terms of agreement between the merchants and crafts, 4 November 1616. See pp. 143-4.

2 See acts as to shore maill and anchorage, 19 April 1603, p. 104, and 4 February 1605, p. 112. There is no record of the let proposed in the latter act having been made.

3 See acts as to the "lichter boit," 24 October 1603, p. 107; 19 March 1604, p. 109; 21 January 1605, p. 112; and 5 December 1608, p. 121. 13 December 1607—"The lichter boit sett to Johne Layng for xl. li., and serving the toun at all tymes quhen he beis requyrit." In 1608 the boat was set for £53 6s. 8d.; 1609, £66 13s. 4d.; 1610, £80; and in 1611 for £80.

4 In 1612 the "auld gait dichtings" are let for £88, and, in addition, what is apparently a new impost, "gait dichtings of outlands malt," for £46 13s. 4d. In subsequent years the dues let are described only as "gait dichtings," and latterly "gait dichtings and laidills."

5 As to custom or impost granted for beitting and repairing the brig, see p. 91.

6 1603.—Small customs, "exceptand the customes of the tymmer of Murrayis woid and the nyn pundis of Falkirk custome." See 24 October, 1603; p. 107.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART III.—1620-1666.

Date.	New and auld customs at the Brig, with the custom corn benorth the Water of Forth.			New and auld customs at the Port, with the custom corn besouth the Water of Forth.			Pecks and firlots.			Customs of the Tron.			Gait dichtings and Ladle duty.			Water of Forth.			Fish skemmills or shambles.			King's maill and stallage.			Impost of malt.			Shore maill and anchorage.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1620, Nov. 10,	95	0	0	95	0	0	120	0	0	120	0	0	93	0	0	33	6	8	6	0	0	5	6	8	160	0	0	20	0	0
1621, ,, 9,	90	0	0	90	0	0	80	0	0	125	0	0	170	0	0	40	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	120	0	0	30	0	0
1622, ,, 8,	93	6	8	93	6	8	93	6	8	140	0	0	180	0	0	40	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	120	0	0	40	0	0
1623, ,, 10,	102	0	0	102	0	0	93	6	8	140	0	0	190	0	0	33	6	8	5	0	0	3	6	8	80	0	0	42	0	0
1624, ,, ,,	120	0	0	104	0	0	100	0	0	166	0	0	160	0	0	50	0	0	5	13	4	3	6	8	92	0	0	33	6	8
1625, ,, ,,	160	0	0	93	6	8	100	0	0	192	0	0	122	0	0	53	6	8	7	0	0	5	0	0	100	0	0	30	0	0
1626, ,, ,,	160	0	0	93	6	8	106	13	4	214	0	0	110	13	4	40	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	106	13	4	31	0	0
1627, ,, 9,	160	0	0	93	6	8	122	0	0	233	6	8	126	13	4	40	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	130	0	0	20	0	0
1628, ,, 10,	140	0	0	93	6	8	120	0	0	204	0	0	116	13	4	54	13	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	120	0	0	20	0	0
1629, ,, ,,	136	13	4	95	6	8	120	0	0	184	0	0	184	0	0	41	6	8	4	0	0	4	0	0	100	0	0	26	13	4
1630, ,, ,,	136	13	4	100	0	0	120	0	0	186	0	0	221	6	8	46	13	4	...			4	0	0	100	0	0	40	0	0
1631, ,, ,,	136	13	4	100	0	0	120	0	0	211	0	0	200	0	0	46	13	4	...			4	0	0	124	0	0	40	0	0
1632, ,, 9,	140	0	0	100	0	0	120	0	0	226	0	0	200	0	0	50	13	4	...			4	0	0	126	0	0	40	0	0
1633, ,, 8,	145	0	0	100	0	0	120	0	0	206	0	0	200	0	0	50	13	4	...			4	0	0	110	0	0	30	0	0
1634, ,, 10,	180	18	0	105	0	0	140	15	0	206	0	0	206	0	0	51	11	8	...			4	8	8	120	0	0	26	13	4
1635, ,, ,,	240	0	0	120	0	0	140	0	0	180	0	0	240	0	0	54	13	4	5	0	0	4	13	4	100	0	0	50	0	0
1636, ,, ,,	266	13	4	133	6	8	165	0	0	160	0	0	302	0	0	60	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	110	0	0	60	0	0
1638, ,, 9,	266	13	4	140	0	0	133	6	8	133	6	8	205	0	0	51	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	133	6	8	30	0	0
1639, ,, 11,	274	0	0	140	0	0	133	6	8	133	6	8	200	0	0	63	6	8	5	0	0	5	0	0	140	0	0	30	0	0
1640, ,, 10,	213	0	0	106	13	4	100	0	0	200	0	0	133	6	8	60	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	165	0	0	20	0	0
1641, ,, ,,	240	0	0	120	0	0	134	13	4	200	0	0	164	0	0	66	13	4	4	0	0	5	0	0	133	6	8	34	0	0
1642, ,, ,,	240	0	0	126	13	4	100	0	0	160	0	0	273	6	8	82	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	0	160	0	0	53	6	8
1643, ,, ,,	220	0	0	153	6	8	166	13	4	166	13	4	220	0	0	81	6	8	4	0	0	8	0	0	166	13	4	33	6	8
1644, ,, 29,	160	0	0	133	13	4	120	0	0	133	6	8	200	0	0	68	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	133	6	8	33	6	8
[1] Modified to	100	0	0	86	13	4	80	0	0	80	0	0	133	6	8	60	0	0	...			...			93	6	8	20	0	0

1 See 27th April, 1646, p. 191.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART III.—1620-1666, *Continued.*

DATE.	New and auld customs at the Brig, with the custom corn benorth the Water of Forth.			New and auld customs at the Port, with the custom corn besouth the Water of Forth.			Pecks and firlots.			Customs of the Tron.			Gait dichtings and Ladle duty.			Water of Forth.			Fish skemmills or shambles.			King's maill and stallage.			Impost of malt.			Shore maill and anchorage.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1646, Feb. 2,	86	13	4	86	13	4	50	0	0	...			120	0	0	50	0	0	...			5	0	0	60	0	0	30	0	0
,, Nov. 10,	186	13	4	133	6	8	60	0	0	80	0	0	146	13	4	80	0	0	...			4	0	0	80	0	0	33	6	8
1647, ,, ,,	255	6	8	120	0	0	60	0	0	110	0	0	120	0	0	133	6	8	...			5	0	0	145	15	0	66	13	4
1648, ,, 9,	240	0	0	120	0	0	73	6	8	113	6	8	160	0	0	146	13	4	...			5	0	0	100	0	0	60	0	0
1649, ,, 10,	266	13	4	160	0	0	90	0	0	120	0	0	226	13	4	270	0	0	...			12	13	4	106	13	4	46	13	4
1650, ,, 9,	140	0	0	133	6	8	90	0	0	120	0	0	240	0	0	403	6	8	...			12	13	4	235	0	0	48	0	0
1651, ,, 21,	200	0	0	133	6	8	100	0	0	120	0	0	246	13	4	440	0	0	...			12	13	4	213	0	0	48	0	0
1652, ,, 20,	401	18	10	166	13	4	166	13	4	100	0	0	413	6	8	510	0	0	90[1]	0	0	12	13	4	165	1	2	80	0	0
1653, ,, 10,	360	0	0	213	6	8	213	6	8	106	13	4	266	13	4	236	0	0	120	0	0	10[2]	0	0	170	0	0	26	13	4
1654, ,, 11,	400	0	0	253	0	0	100	0	0	120	0	0	240	0	0	340	0	0	80	0	0	10	0	0	266	13	4	33	6	8
1655, ,, 10,	400	0	0	280	0	0	106	13	4	133	6	8	320	0	0	333	6	8	80	0	0	10	0	0	...			56	13	4
1656, ,, ,,	393	6	8	266	13	4	100	0	0	126	13	4	333	13	4	280	0	0	80	0	0	10	0	0	166	13	4	50	0	0
1657,[3] ,, ,,	543	6	8	343	6	8	100	0	0	130	0	0	303	6	8	...			73	6	8	8	0	0	...			55	0	0
1658, ,, ,,	606	13	4	410	0	0	176	13	4	130	0	0	266	13	4	266	13	4	60	0	0	8	0	0	213	6	8	56	0	0
1659, ,, ,,	600	0	0	460	0	0	120	0	0	100	0	0	250	13	4	340	0	0	53	6	8	8	0	0	140	0	0	60	0	0
1660, ,, 10,	700	0	0	466	13	4	140	0	0	133	6	8	253	6	8	433	6	8	90	0	0	8	0	0	100	0	0	33	6	8
1661, ,, 9,	800	0	0	590	0	0	213	6	8	133	6	8	403	6	8	536	13	4	80	0	0	8	0	0	73	6	8	80	0	0
1662, ,, 10,	890	0	0	600	0	0	166	13	4	186	13	4	213	6	8	406	13	4	103	6	8	8	0	0	136	13	4	50	0	0
1663, ,, ,,	800	0	0	466	13	4	140	0	0	243	6	8	...[4]			...[4]			...[4]			8	0	0	140	0	0	50	0	0
1664, ,, ,,	666	13	4	466	13	4	160	0	0	243	6	8	160	0	0	400	0	0	90	0	0	8	0	0	140	0	0	53	6	8
1665, ,, ,,	533	6	8	570	0	0	156	13	4	200	0	0	170	0	0	333	6	8	113	6	8	8	0	0	140	0	0	33	6	8
1666, ,, ,,	533	6	8	570	0	0	213	6	8	200	0	0	246	13	4	413	6	8	133	6	8	8	0	0	140	0	0	33	6	8

1 "The fische skemmellis, with the dues belongand thairto." The custom of fish was reserved from let of "gait dichtingis" in 1652 and subsequent years.

2 In 1653 and subsequent years the designation "*Reik* maill and stallage" is substituted for "*King's* maill and stallage."

3 "Brig and borrowmilnes, with the horsemilne, and thirle belongand to them," set in 1657 for 4 bolls 3 firlots multure malt, weekly (see p. 229), in 1658 for 4 bolls 6 pecks, in 1659 for 4 bolls 1 firlot, in 1660 for 3 bolls 2 firlots; in 1661, for 3 years, for 4 bolls malt weekly; and in 1664, for 3 years, for 4 bolls 3 firlots malt weekly.

4 10th November, 1663.—The water of Forth, fish shambles, and gait dichtings not set, but a trusty person to be appointed to collect the same.

VI.—TABLE SHEWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST, BAILIES, AND COUNCIL.

Date.	Malt, the boll.	Ale, the gallon.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 2 d. bread.	Fine wheat oats, the peck.	Carse oats or corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats or corn, the peck.	Hay, the stone.	Tallow, the stone.	Candle, the lb.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1519-20, January 16,	1 0 0	...	0 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520, April 16,	...	...	0 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520, July 16,	0 16 0	1 4	0 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520, October 1,	0 13 4	...	0 13 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520-1, January 14,	0 13 4	...	0 18 6	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
1521, April 8,	0 13 4	...	0 16 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1521, September 30,	0 12 0	...	0 13 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1522, October 27,	0 12 0	1 0	0 16 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 4 0	0 4½
1523, ,, 5,	...	1 4	0 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 4 0	...
1524, ,, 31,	...	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1524-5, January 16,	0 16 0	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1525, October[1]	...	1 0	0 14 0	...	...	0 5	...	0 4	...	...
1526, ,,	0 16 0	...	0 16 0	20	...	...	...	...	...	0 4½
1527, September	0 16 0	1 8	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1528, October 5,	...	1 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1529, ,, 4,	0 14 4	...	0 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1545, Oct. & Nov.,[2]	1 10 0	2 0	1 18 0	11	...	0 8	0 6	...	...	...
1545-6, January 18,	1 14 0	...	2 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1546, October 6,	1 10 0	...	1 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1548,[3] ,,	1 4 0	2 0	1 6 0	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
1549-50, January 20,	2 4 0	...	2 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1554, October 1,	0 16 0	1 4	0 18 0	...	...	0 5	0 4	0 4	0 9 0	...
1554-5, January 14,	0 19 0	1 4	1 3 0	...	...	0 4	0 3	0 4	...	0 10
1555, October 14,	1 8 8	2 0	1 12 0	...	...	0 7	0 5	0 6	...	0 11
1556, ,, 5,	1 16 0	2 8	1 16 0	...	...	0 8	0 6	0 6	...	0 7
1561-2, January 19,	2 0 0	2 8	...	...	...	1 0	0 9	...	...	..
1565-6, ,, 4,	1 13 0	...	2 6 8	...	...	1 0	0 8	...	...	1 0
1567, April 26,	1 17 0	...	1 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

1 Bear 10 s. the boll. 2 Bear 38 s. the boll. 3 Wine 1 s. the pint.

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DATE.	Malt, the boll.	Ale, the pint.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 1 s. bread.	Fine wheat oats, the peck.	Carse oats or corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats or corn, the peck.	Straw and stable fee for 24 hours.	Tallow, the stone.	Candle, the lb.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1599, October 19,	7 6 8	1 2	8 0 0	...	...	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 4 0	2 10
1600, ,, 6,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	...	...	3 4	2 0	2 8	2 0 0	2 8
1601, November 9,	6 3 4	1 0	7 0 0	15	...	3 0	2 0	2 6	1 13 4	2 6
1602, ,, 22,	7 13 4	1 2	9 6 8	13	6 8	4 0	2 6	2 0	1 16 0	2 8
1603, October 8,	6 13 4	1 0	8 0 0	16	5 0	3 0	2 0	2 0	1 13 4	2 6
1604, December 3,	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	2 6	2 0	1 15 0	2 8
1605, November 18,	6 6 8	1 0	8 13 4	15	...	5 0	3 0	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1607, February 28,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	15	6 0	4 0	3 4	2 6	2 4 0	3 4
1607, October 9,	5 6 8	1 0	8 0 0	15	5 0	4 0	2 8	2 0	2 0 0	3 4
1608, November 21,	5 6 8	1 0	10 0 0	13	5 6	4 0	3 0	3 0	2 0 0	3 4
1609, October 16,	5 13 4	1 0	7 0 0	16	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 6	1 16 0	3 0
1610, November 5,	6 6 8	1 0	7 0 0	16	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1611, October 21,	5 16 8	1 0	8 13 4	14	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1613, ,, 4,	7 0 0	1 2	8 0 0	16	6 0	4 6	3 4	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1614, ,, 21,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	15	6 0	4 6	2 6	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1615, ,, ,,	7 0 0	1 2	9 6 8	13	6 8	4 0	3 4	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1616, ,, 20,	6 0 0	1 0	9 6 8	12½	6 0	4 6	3 0	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1617, ,, 24,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	14	6 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 6 8	3 4
1618, November 4,	6 10 0	1 2	8 10 0	13	6 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 2 0	3 4
1619, October 15,	5 13 4	1 0	8 6 8	13	5 0	4 0	2 0	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1620, ,, 30,	4 10 0	0 10	6 0 0	16	4 0	2 8	2 0	2 0	2 0 0	3 4
1621, November 21,	7 6 8	1 4	9 0 0	13	6 0	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1622, October 25,	8 0 0	1 4	10 0 0	12	6 8	6 0	3 0	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1623, December 19,	12 0 0	2 0	12 0 0	10	8 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	1 16 0	3 4
1624, October 20,	6 6 8	1 0	11 0 0	12	6 0	4 0	2 6	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1625, ,, 28,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	14	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1626, November 3,	5 13 4	1 0	7 0 0	15	4 2	3 4	2 0	2 8	2 5 0	3 4
1628, November 19,	6 0 0	1 2	8 10 0	13	5 0	3 4	2 0	2 8	2 6 8	3 8

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	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1629, October 9,	8 0 0	1 4	10 0 0	12	6 8	5 0	2 6	2 8	2 6 8	3 8
1630, November 12,	9 0 0	1 4	10 13 4	11	8 0	6 0	3 0	3 4	2 0 0	3 4
1631, October 26,	6 0 0	1 0	9 6 8	12	6 0	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1632, November 16,	6 13 4	1 2	10 0 0	$11\frac{3}{16}$	6 0	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 6 8	3 8
1633, ,, 22,	7 0 0	1 2	9 6 8	12	6 8	4 2	2 8	2 8	2 6 8	3 8
1634, ,, 26,	7 13 4	1 4	8 13 4	$12\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 8 0	3 6
1636, ,, 4,	8 13 4	1 6	12 0 0	9	10 0	8 0	2 8	3 4	2 6 8	3 4
1637, ,, 11,	8 0 0	1 4	10 13 4	$10\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	4 0	2 8	2 5 0	3 4
1638, ,, 10,	6 6 8	1 0	8 13 4	$13\frac{2}{16}$	6 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 6 8	3 4
1639, ,, 19,	5 13 4	1 0	8 0 0	14	5 4	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 3 4	3 4
1640, ,, 25,	5 13 4	1 0	7 0 0	16	5 0	4 0	2 8	3 4	2 5 0	3 4
1641, ,, 15,	8 10 0	1 4	9 6 8	12	8 0	6 0	3 4	4 0	2 14 0	4 0
1642, ,, 4,	9 16 8	1 8	12 0 0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	4 0	2 14 0	4 0
1643, ,, 9,	7 6 8	1 2	9 6 8	$11\frac{3}{4}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	3 4	2 6 8	3 4
1644, ,, 28,	6 6 8	1 0	8 13 4	$12\frac{1}{4}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	3 4	2 3 4	3 4
1647, ,, 19,	7 13 4	1 4	10 0 0	$11\frac{3}{16}$	7 6	6 3	4 0	3 6	4 0 0	5 6
1649, ,, 29,	11 6 8	1 8	13 6 8	$8\frac{1}{4}$	10 0	8 4	6 8	5 0	3 6 8	5 0
1653,	12 13 4	2 0	14 0 0	8	10 0	8 4	6 8	5 4	2 16 8	4 4
1663, December 31,	5 13 4	1 4	9 0 0	$12\frac{6}{16}$	4 7	3 0	1 10	3 0	2 3 4	4 4
1664, ,, 6,	4 13 4	1 0	8 0 0	14	4 2	3 4	1 10	3 0	3 0 0	4 6

GLOSSARY AND INDEX.

GLOSSARY.[1]

ABAY CROWNIS (75), obit crowns, coins.
ACCLAMIT (102), claimed.
ACTITAT (67), acted.
AICHT (2), AITH, oath.
AIEL (26). ale.
AILD (12), ALD, AULD, old.
AKARIS (4), acres.
ANCIENTE (198), ensign.
ARLLING (30), money given for confirming a bargain.
ASSCHETIN (33), escheating, forfeiting.
ASSEDACION (6), lease.
ASSES (209), assessment, cess.
ASSIS (65), assize.
ATTEMPTATIS (83), attempts.
ATTENTTICE (8), authentic.
ATHORTE (101), athwart, across.
AUCHT, ought, owing, possessed.
AUCHT and WOUNT (2), appointed and customary.
AVALE (40), avail; "of avale," competent.
AVIDENTIS (15), evidents, writs, title deeds.
AWALE (36), value.
AWIS (1), advise.

BABEIS (73), half-pennies.
BAICHT (29), batch, quantity baked at one time.
BAICHT, BAITH, both.
BAIER (4), bear.
BAIK (149), bake; "baik salmond," prepare or cure salmon.
BALD (2), BAND (9), rope, tether; "wtwith bald," without tether, at large.
BALING (144), packing, pack-cloth.
BALLIES (17), landing-places for boats.
BANGASTRIE (175), violence, strength of hand.
BAPES (179), rolls or soft biscuits.
BARARIS (7), barriers, fences.
BARBOUR (40), barber, surgeon.
BARK (214), probably MS. error for BAUK, beam.
BARK PUILLIS (81), tanners' pools.
BARRESYET (81), name of gate or port forming principal entrance to Stirling from the south.
BARTANE CAMMES (31), Brittany canvas.
BEGAREIT (49), trimmed, decorated.
BEHAW (2), behalf.
BEIDMEN (122), persons supported in, or from funds of, an hospital.
BEIT (86), repair.
BEUCHE (107), bulk, body.
BIRLAMEN (122), ground officers.
BLAISNYNG (46), proclaiming, making public.
BLAWID (48), famed, noted, public.
BLOK (44), scheme, contrivance.
BLUE BIRSATT (216), a kind of dye.
BLUIDWITE (78), the fine for bloodshed.
BODIM (26), bottom.
BOISTAND (41), threatening.
BOREBREIVE (230), a birth-breive, a formal certificate of descent.
BORGH (13), a surety, pledge.
BORRACHE (58), a brace or drill stock.
BOUIS (6), booths.

[1] The definitions in this Glossary are necessarily brief. For fuller explanations, etymology &c., reference may be made to Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary, and to the Supplement about to be published by Mr. Gardner, Paisley. The figures within brackets refer to one of the pages in which the word glossed occurs.

BOWELL (167), recess, repository.
BOWETT (41, 136), lamp, lantern.
BOWNTAITH (36), bounty.
BOWROWIS (1), burghs.
BREID (1), breadth.
BREVE OF LYNING (55), warrant for building.
BRIG (7), bridge.
BROUSTAR (12), brewer.
BROWDINSTER (148), embroiderer.
BRUIK (10), BRUKE (131), enjoy, possess.
BRUTIT (80), rumoured.
BRYNT (41), burned.
BRYTHELLIS (121), bridals, wedding feasts.
BUFFAT STOUL (8), a square stool with sides.
BUKE (20), body.
BULISTER (26), a large sloe or wild plum.
BUCKESIE (144), buckram.
BUN (119), cask.
BUTTIS (78), ground set apart for practising archery.
BY (64, 68), without, without regard to; "by his consent," without his consent.
BYDDIN (1), bidden, offered.
BYNK (74), bench.
BYRUN (102), past due.

CALVILL (43), a rod or bar on which the "claspis" were fixed.
CAMBIS (144), combs.
CAMMES (64), canvas.
CAPRUS GALLIS (216), Cyprus gall-nuts.
CASCHETT (171), seal.
CHAELLIS (6), CHALLEIS (78), chalice.
CHANDELAR (8), chandelier.
CHEFTIS (48), jaws.
CHESIT (3), chose.
CHENYIE, CHENYEIS (49), chain, chains.
CHINNELL (136), channel, gravel.
CLASPIS (43), schackles.
CLOKIS (11), clogs.
CLOSOURIS (52), covers, cases.
COACIT (3), forced, constrained.
COALGRIVES (226), overseers at coalworks.
COD (72), pillow.
COFT (3), bought.
COILLIS (188), coals.
COMMOUNE STAMPT (171), common stamp or seal.
COMPERING (67), appearing.
COMPTER ALMERY (72), drawer or recess in a counter.
CONDING (34), condign.
CONDUCET (106), hired.
COUPARIS, coopers.
COUPARIS (27), dealers.
CRAKKINGIS (197), cracklings, refuse of tallow.
CREILE (48), basket.
CREIRES (104), a kind of boats.
CROSAY DUKCATIS (75), cross-ducats, coins.
CROWN OF THE SONE (53), a coin, 14s. value.
CRUPPIN (179), crept.
CUMMIR (50, 68)), hindrance, trouble, vexation.
CUNNERIS (54), testers, tasters.
CUNNIT (54), tested, tasted.
CUNTAS (3), countess.
CURCHRIE (13), covering for a woman's head.

DAKER OF HYDES (75), a quantity of hides numbering ten or twelve.
DECOIR (92), decorate.
DEDUCEAND (103), deducting.
DEFAKIT (11), defalcated, deducted, remitted.
DEFALKIS (115), remits, deducts, abates.
DEFAMACION (10), infamy.
DEIL (26), deal, divide.
DELATIT (5, 33), accused.
DEMPSTAR (24), an officer of court.
DESPESCHEIT (67), despatched,
DEVOTS (1), turf.
DEWORIAR (61), DROWIARE (46), dowager.

DIK BREKARIS (17), fence breakers.
DING (26), drive, smash.
DIREGE (56), service for the dead.
DISJONE (35), breakfast.
DISOBAISSANCE (10), disobedience.
DOTTIT (185), given.
DOUELLAND (31), DOULLAND (3), dwelling.
DOISSON (52), dozen.
DOULL (6), dwell.
DOUNE (1), done.
DUNG (50), sent with despatch.

EFFERIS (33), becomes, is fit.
ELCRWK (72), toasting fork.
ELDING (118), fuel.
ELIEKWIS (3), likewise.
ELISTIS (175), jealousies, rivalries.
ENTRES (93), interest.
EQUIE (196), a balanced account.
ERDDIT (14), earthed, buried.
ESTLAND (45), eastward; "estland burde," board of Baltic timber.
EVACUING (87), evading, avoiding.
EWINSANG (5), evening song, vespers.
EWYNE (3), evening.
EXCRES (101), excess.
EXEMYNG (130), exempting.
EXPONIT (200), explained, characterised.
EXPREMYT (36), expressed.
EXTORS (91), extort, oppress.

FACHT (3), faith.
FACHRIE (93), trouble.
FAGGALD (41), faggot.
FALYIE (133), fail.
FASSOUN (156), fashion, style.
FAT (26, 52), a vat, cask, tub.
FAWIN FLECHT (15), flesh of diseased animals.
FEALL (114), fee, salary.
FECHCHIS (54), fetches.
FEID (68), feud, contention.
FERDE (41), fourth.
FERMORAIR (46), farmer.
FEYIT (35), FIET (106), feed, hired.
FIRE CORS (50), fiery cross.
FLECHT (15), flesh.
FLEVIR (56), flavour, smell.
FLYTTAR (5), scolder.
FOOT MANTLE (233), an ornamental horse-covering reaching nearly to the ground.
FORSTALLAR (90), one who forstalls or purchases goods coming to the market.
FORTEFEARIS (89), fortifiers, supporters.
FRAICHIT (9), freighted.
FRAICHTINGIS (9), freightings.
FRANNESSY (79), frenzy.
FRATHINEFURTH (80), from thenceforth.
FRAUCHT (112), freight.
FUILL WADER (200), foul weather.
FURNIS (52), furnace for a vat or boiler.
FUTE FELLIS (104), a species of dressed skin.
FUTTIT (34), "coumptis futtit" accounts examined and docqueted at foot.
FUNDING (1), found.
FYCHT (3), fish.

GAIT (6), street, road.
GAIT DYCHTINGIS (61, 176), certain dues payable to town.
GAITWART (49), on the way.
GANG (85), "ane gang of treis," one line of trees.
GANAND (38), gainful, advantageous.
GAUBURT OF RUSSAT (13), a cloak or mantle made of coarse cloth.
GAYT SKINNIS (57), goat skins.
GEMETRY (35), geometry, measurement.
GEST (48), joist.
GET (41), "freris get," friar's offspring.
GIRS (6), grass.
GLENGOIR (47), venereally diseased.
GOWRY (58), stomach and entrails of fish.
GRAF (66), grave.
GREVES (122), grievances, complaints.
GROSSIS (76), groats.
GRYISSIS (18), pigs.

GUDLING (108), a foreign gold coin.
GUDSCHIRIS (7), grand fathers.
GYEIL FAT (18), GYLE FAT (72), a wort vat, vessel in which ale was worked.

HANYING (84), enclosed ground.
HANDSENYIE (145), ensign, standard.
HARANDIS (20), errands.
HARDHEID (73), a coin.
HEATRIT (174), hatred.
HEAVIN (104), HEVIN (6), HEWIN (9), haven.
HEILL (69), cover, conceal.
HELL (211), whole.
HEN (45), possibly contraction of hauin= having.
HEUCHT (46), coal pit.
HEVINSANG (19), evening song, vespers.
HEWIT CLAYTH (80), coloured cloth.
HICHTING (157), heightening.
HIEMES (19), high mass.
HOGTOUNE (13), a leathern jacket.
HOUCHERIN (20), jostling.
HOUK (29), week.
HOUKSTAR (3), huckster, a dealer in small articles.
HOUST (29), host, army.
HUIR (39), harlot.
HURDERIS (137), hoarders; "hurderis of theftis," resetters of thefts.

IDAND (36), diligent.
INHABILITIE (10), unfitness.
INLAIK (78), lack, want, shortcoming.
INSPRECHT (75), furniture of a house.
INTERIT (2), entered.
IRN (144), iron.

JOSIT (4), enjoyed, possessed.
JOYSE (131), enjoy, possess.
JUKSCHEING IN YULE, celebrations at Christmas.

KABERIT (52), fitted with rafters.
KABORIS (52), rafters.
KANE (11), rent payable in kind.
KASER (156), KASMER, cashmere.
KENSE, KENSY (72), a kind of flannel or Welsh cloth.
KITH (86), show.
KNAIFSHEP (157), dues in meal payable to under miller.
KNAPPLE (104), oak for staves brought from Dantzic, &c.
KNAPSCA (72), a head-piece of iron, a steel bonnet.
KNOK (8), clock.
KNOP (49), a knob.
KYLL (149), kiln.

LAGALLON (72), for LAID-GALLON, a vessel for holding liquids like a large *stoup*.
LANGSADDILL (11), a long wooden seat.
LAVAND TUB (72), washing tub.
LAWBORGH (11), legal security against doing injury.
LEAVES (179), loaves.
LEDDORONE (73), leathern.
LEID (52), an implement used in brewing.
LEN (96), loan.
LESUM (46), LEVESUM (82), lawful.
LEVARIS (137), livers.
LEVEN (252), leavened.
LIAND (1), lying, situated.
LIERIS (163), liars.
LIFE (81), living, means of living.
LIPIR (3), leper.
LINGNETTIS (58), bars, rods.
LITHOUS (158), dyeing-house.
LITSTAR (12), a dyer.
LOAF (201), leaf.
LOINGIS (52), lungs.
LORIMER (300), a maker of bits, spurs, nails, &c.
LUGIS (115), LUDGES (187), lodges, temporary erections for lodging those seized with pest.

LYEIR (14), learn, teach.
LYCESSIT (37), licensed, permitted.
LYNCHT (1), length.

MAENSYEIRING (10), perjury.
MAIRTIS (152), MERTIS (7), winter provision of salted meat.
MANISAND (41), menacing.
MANNISSIT (65,) menaced.
MASK FAT (18), a vat for brewing.
MASKINE (211), brewing.
MATHEMES (5), MATHINGIS (19), matins, morning service.
MAUSCHIT (17), musty, beginning to be putrid.
MEANESCHOTTIS (163), finest or best produce.
MES (5), mass.
METLOUMIS (33), MET LOUMIS (30), vessels or implements for measuring.
METTEGE (46), measurement; "mettege silver," dues payable for measurement.
MISTER (58), want, need.
MONE (45), the moon; works of clock showing changes of moon.
MONECHT (9), month.
MOYAN (234), help, assistance.
MULTURE (157), MULTOUR (211), dues payable for grinding grain.
MUTTOUN BUKE (20), body of a sheep.
MWKSLED (72), dung-cart.
MYNTIT (116), aimed, threatened to strike with.

NAUGHTIE CULLOURIS (239), bad or unfit colours.
NEBOUR (2), neighbour.
NEDMEST (55), nethermost, lowest.
NEID (51, 52), necessity, emergency.
NICHT COURCHRE (13), nightcap.
NOWIN (200), NOWNÈ (9), (misprinted "ewine"), noon.
NYCHT AT EWYN (35), stop work at night.
NYEIRIS (27), kidneys.
NYEIRCRES (27), the fat about the kidneys.
NUNSCHANKIS (35), afternoon repast.

OBIT SILVER (12), money payable for services for the dead.
OLKLIE (47), OULKLIE (106), weekly; OULKIS (118), weeks.
OMNIGADDRUM (112, 184), OMNEGATHRUM (225), mechanics and others not belonging to the class of merchants or incorporated craftsmen.
ON CUTTIT (25), uncut.
ORLEGE (45), a clock, a dial.
ORSCHAT (7), orchard.
OURGAIFF (82), over-gave.
OURMEN (74), oversmen, arbiters.
OURSEIN (88), overlooked, passed over.
OUTREIKIN (111), fitting out, equipping.
OUTTINTOUNIS (90), outside burgh bounds.
OWTTANE (36), taken out, excepted.
OYE (13), grandson or nephew.

PAICE (1), paces.
PAISE (179), weight.
PAND (121), pawn, pledge.
PANTENES (144), slippers.
PASMENTIS (128), lace.
PASCHE (59), PEAX (25), Easter.
PERALUS (50), perilous, dangerous.
PEROCHINE (121), parish.
PEROCHINERIS (121), parishioners.
PICKEDAILLIS (144), bands or ruffs for the collar of a doublet.
PIGMAKAR (10), maker of earthenware.
PILLIE (48), pulley.
PINSALLIS (143), small flags.
PLOUMIS (26), plums.
PLUIK (93), measure knob.
PODER PLATTIS (8), peuter plates.
POLDAVYE (144), a kind of canvas or sail-cloth.
POWPEIT (42), pulpit.
PREISSIT (116), attempted, tried.
PREVE (80), private, secret, out of observation.

PRICKAT WICHE (86), a witch tested by pricking.
PRIKAT SANG (70), musical notation, music pricked or noted down.
PRISIT (2), appraised, valued.
PUNDLARIS (72), officers who execute poinds or distraints.
PUNT (2), point, part.
PURPRESTURE (259), encroachment on highways or commonties.
PYCARIS, PYKARIS (5), committers of petty theft.
PYKRY (5), petty theft.
PYNE (43), penalty.
PYPLOK (32), a lock requiring a piped or tubular key.

QUEAIER (5), choir.
QUHEITNAM (79), a whittle, a pocket knife.
QUHIET (1), QUHIT (4), QUHITE (4), wheat.
QUHINGER (123), a short sword.

RAGRATHIN (7), regrating. (See Ragratouris.)
RAGRATOURIS (34), regraters; persons who buy goods coming to the market, or in the market to retail again.
RAISTIT (47), wrinkled, shrivelled.
RAMVERSE (213), to overturn.
RATIHABITIONE (99), confirmation.
RAXIS (74), andirons.
RAYIT CLAITH (13), striped cloth.
RECOURS (82), return.
RED (114), rubbish.
REDACTIT (227), reduced.
REIK (309), metaphorically a house or habitation; "reik maill," dues payable by possessors of houses.
REIKIS (72), reaches.
REILL (194), instrument for winding yarn or thread.
REMOIFING (103), removing.
RINGE (221), reign.
ROSNOBLE (74), an English gold coin, value about 36s.
ROUIM (50), place.
RYNAWAYIS (191), runaways, deserters.
RUD WARK (3), rood work; work at the rood church or rood altar.
RYD HAND (64), red hand, in the act.

SAIPBALLANDIS (74), scales for weighing soap.
SAKAR (8), treasurer, purser.
SALTFAT (72), a salt cellar.
SATHING (2), satin.
SAWSARIS (8), saucers.
SCALDINGIS (57), a species of dressed skins.
SCHAVES (73), sheaves.
SCHANKIS (118), stockings.
SCHAHEME (68), shame, disgrace.
SCHIER (37), shire.
SCHOIR ROWME (98), place at the shore.
SCHORLINGIS (57), skins of shorn sheep.
SCHRYNE (75), shrine, a small casket or cabinet.
SCKAIT (18), skaith.
SCLAVERAND (43), slavering, lubberly.
SCOLLAGE (101), school fees.
SCROWIS (190), scrolls.
SCYLLE PAN (52), the piece of timber laid on top of wall to *pan* or tie the couples.
SEARES (111), inspectors.
SEDOUSSIT (3), seduced.
SERES (113), St. Cyrus, a parish and village in Fyfe.
SERIAND (10), sergeant, officer.
SHIP-PUND (75), a weight containing 16½ stones troy.
SIC (1), such.
SKERLLAT (2), scarlet.
SKEMLIS (58), SKEMMILLIS (116), shambles; also the stands at which flesh and fish were sold.
SLAFFART (123), slaver, spittle.
SLAKTER (34), slaughter.
SLOPE (105), slap, gap.

SLOTTING (193), slitting or cutting animals for the purpose of bleeding them before they were killed.
SLOTTIS (52), bars, bolts.
SOBIRLY (52), moderately.
SOWMES (31), pasturage for so many cows or sheep, sometimes one cow or five sheep for each sowme.
SOWNIS (72), swine.
SOWSSIS (75), sous; French coins.
SPONS (6), SPOUNE (6), spoons, spoon.
SPORT STAFES (172), staves of light poles used in the game of quarter-staff.
STAG (4), STAGIS (19), horse, horses.
STAIK THEIFE (30), horse stealer.
STALLANCE (6) stall dues.
STEDIIS (58), anvils.
STEMMYNG (118), taminy, a woollen stuff.
STEWTHE (134), STOUTH (134), theft.
STOND (20), a stand or stance.
STOUFE (3), stuff, commodity.
STRANGLON (64), a disease in horses.
STRAY (52), straw.
STUDY (60), an anvil, a smithy.
STURES (44), stivers, small Dutch coins.
SUFFERAGH (13), suffrage, service or prayer for the dead.
SYA (25), so.
SWESCHE (41), a drum, sound of drum.
SWYNGOUR (48), a drone, a sluggard.
SYEN (2), SYENE (9), swine.
SYENYE (5), synod.
SYEPPIN (6), sweeping. (See Gait dichting).
SYLIT (20), provided with ceiling.
SYOERN (2), sworn.

TAKIST (15), tax.
TALFITIE (156), taffeta, a thin fine silk.
TALK (7), TACH (231), TAUCHT (58), tallow before being rendered.
TALYOURIS (1), tailors.
TANNY (2), a kind of dress-cloth.
TAP (3), TOP (144), retail.
TAY (217) tie, obligation.
TEILLING (94), tilling.
TEMYR (18) timber.
TESTANE (75) a Scottish silver coin.
THAGGUR (11), thatcher.
THACK (52), thatch.
THEIKIT (53), covered.
THORTOWRIT (84) thwarted, prevented.
THRUCHIS (36), flat gravestones.
TILSAL (2), TINSALL (189), tinsel, loss deprivation.
TIRLESIT (52), enclosed, laticed.
TOFALL (86), building annexed to wall of a larger one.
TOICHT (72), probably a touch-box, tinder-box.
TOUDER (7), other.
TOW (48), rope.
TRANSUMING (190), transcribing.
TREIST FEIT (72), table feet.
TRIAKLE (62), trial, test.
TROIS VECHT (90), troy weight.
TRYN (72), made of tree, wooden.
TUECHIN (7), touching, concerning.
TUILYE (40), brawl, fight.
TYMMERIT (52), timbered.
TYND (11), teind, tenth part.

UDER (1), other.
ULY (45), oil.
UNCTINARIS (191), probably VINTINARIS, venters, sellers.
UNFUILYEIT (55), unsoiled.
UVERMEST (55), uppermost.

VAK (39), VAIK (147), become vacant, unpossessed.
VELVUS (48), velvet.
VESIAGH (12), sight, presence.
VESYIT (51), visited, inspected.
VICE TURKES (58), screw pincers.
VIVERIS (43), provisions.

WAAGH (9), voyage.
WAILL (25), value.

WALK (47), watch.
WALKAND (18), waking, awake.
WAPINSCHAWING (92), weaponshowing, exhibition and practice of arms.
WARKLOMIS (14), work implements.
WATTILLIS (52), twigs.
WDERIS (21), others.
WED (79), WOD (78), pledge.
WESCHAL (17), vessel.
WESCHELL BYNK (74), bench or shelf for holding vessels.
WESY (37), visit, examine.
WIST (45), knew.
WOBSTARIS (16), websters, weavers.
WORCHT (6), worth.
WOUCHT, WOUS (17), wash.
WOUKE (16), week.
WOUNT (2), wont, "ws and wount" according to former practice.
WS (2), use. (See Wount).
WSSCHA (12), issue, termination.
WTWITH (2), outwith, without.

YAILL (86), aisle.
YAWDE (41), jade.
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